

Holograph extracts from earlier masters' indentures relating to Mint independence and freedom of entry and exit.

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And our sovereign Lord the King granteth by these presents that the Officers of the Mint at all times shall have hold & peaceably enjoy all places houses & grownds as well builded as unbuilt within the said Mint & which heretofore have been called reputed or taken for the Mint without meddling let or disturbance by the Constable Lieutenant or any other Officer of minister of the Tower. Indentur{e} between Cha. I & Sir Rob^t Harley Master & Worker date Novemb. 8 anno 2^{do} Car. I & between Queen Mary & the Vndertreasurer Comptroller Assaymaster Aug 200. anno 1 Mariæ

Sir Rob^t Harley gave 2000^l security to the King in the Exchequer. The King to have all the profits of the coynage & to allow the Master & Worker 500^l per annum & the Master & Worker to accompt to the Auditor. Warden Master & Comptroller take care that the Ballances & weights be amended from time to time. The Master Bears all wast & charge of coynage for 6^s 5^d per pound weight of Gold & 14^d per pound weight of Silver & pays the Monies 2^s per pound weight of ☉ & 8^d per pound weight of ☽ & 10^d per pound weight to the King deducting 2^s out of the pound weight (of 62^s) for coynage & paying back 3^l to the importer. The remedy for Gold $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a Caratt, for silver two penny weight. Indented triall pieces made there for Scotland & sent to the Treasurer of Scotland & Generall of their Mint to make their monies by. Warden pays the Officers fees out of the profits of coynage & also 52^l per annum Dyet, & the Master 52^l per annum Dyet. ib.

And our sovereign Lord the King willeth & straightly chargeth by this Indenture all the Officers of his Tower aforesaid that the Officers aforesaid & all other Officers of the Mint and their servants & also all manner of persons bringing gold & silver to the Tower shall have free ingress & egress & issue by the Gates & through the same Tower & Franchises thereof inward & outward at all times without any arresting disturbance letting or gainsaying of the Constable Lieutenant or the Porter or any other or person whatsoever he be for any manner of debt matter or cause whatsoever it be & without any thing given to any of them or to any other to have such entry or issue. Ib. Nov 8 anno 2^{do} Car. I. Item May 16 anno 34 Henrici octav{æ}, in an Indenture between the King & Sir Martin Bowes Knight & Ralf Rowlet Es^r Masters & Workers. Item Nov 4, anno primo Henrici VI & Aug 20 anno 1 Mariæ Et anno 2 & 3 of Queen Eliz.

Also our said sovereign Lord the King granteth by these presents that the said Masters at all times shall peaceably have hold & enjoy all places houses & grownd as well builded as unbuilt within the said Mint without meddling let or disturbance of the Warden & Comptroller or of every other Officers of the said Mint

&c except the houses there assigned & occupied with other Officers of the said Mint as of old time it hath been accustomed & used for such times as they or every of them shall do or execute their Office for the true examination in and about the making of the money aforesaid there & no long nor in otherwise. Ib. May 16 anno 34 Hen. 8. Item Novem 4th anno primo Henrici sexti in the Indenture to Gyles {Salvebeney} Knight & Barth{u} Reed Goldsmith

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Also the said Warden, Master & Worker & Comptroller or any of them as often as need shall require, shall & may take up as many gravers to grave Irons at his Majesties price; & also as many Smiths & Workmen & Labourers & other necessities for & to the making of the said Irons & moneys aforesaid & the doing of all manner of business within the Mint as to the said Warden Master & Comptroller shall seem needfull to have. In which taking of such Gravers Smiths Workmen Labourers & other necessities our sovereign Lady the Queen doth will & command by this Indenture all Mayors Sheriffs Bayliffs & all other Officers, that they to the said Warden or Wardens, Master and Comptroller & to his & their Deputy & Deputies therein be assistant aiding helping & fortifying as to right doth belong

And our sovereign Lady the Queen doth will & straitly charge by this Indenture all the Officers of the Tower aforesaid. That the Officers aforesaid, & all other Officers of the Mint & their servants & also all manner of persons bringing Gold & Silver to the Tower, shall have free ingress & egress & issue by the Gates & through the same Tower & Franchises thereof inward & outward at all times without any arresting disturbance letting or gainsaying of the chief Governour Constable or Liuetenant or the Porter or any other Officer or person whatsoever he bee, for any manner of debt matter or cause whatsoever it be, & without any thing given to them or to any other to have such entry or issue.

And her said Majesty doth grant & confirm by these presents that the Officers of the said Mint shall at all times have hold & peaceably enjoy all places houses grownds as well builded as unbuilted within the said Mint which heretofore have been called reputed or taken for the Mint, without medling Let or disturbance by the chief Governour Constable or any other Officers or Ministers of the Tower. And her said Majesty doth grant & confirm by this Indenture to the aforesaid Officers & to all other Officers & Ministers of the Mint the Charters & Franchises to them before this time granted after the effect & purport of the same Charters.
