

Copy of proposal to take on Beresford as apprentice

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To the Right Honourable The Earl of Oxford & Earl Mortimer Lord High Treasurer of Great Brittain

May it pleas your Lordship

The Officer of Graver of the Mint being constituted by a Warrant under the Broad Seal dated the 7th. of April in the 4th. year of Her Majesties Reign whereby for the Advantage & safety of the Mint with respect to the Coin, Iohn Croker, is appointed head Graver with a Salary of 200£ per annum. & Sam^l Bull & Gabriel Le Clerk Gent. were made Assistants to the Chiefe Graver Each with a Salary of 80£ per annum. & upon the voidance of either of the said Assistants places the same was to be filled up with such Probationer or Apprentice as should be presented to Her Majestie by the Warden, Master & Worker & Comptroller of the Mint by Warrant under Her Royal Signe manual: we humbly represent to your Lordship that the place of the said Gabriel Le Clerk became Void about three Years ago, & thereupon, one Francis Beresford hath been learning about two years & halfe under the said M^r. Croker to design in order to Learn the art of Graving & and is approved by the said M^r. Croker as wel-quallified in point of Genius & industry to make a good Workman for which end We humbly pray your Lordship that out of the said 80£ per annum an allowance may be settled upon the said Francis Beresford for binding him an Apprentice to the said M^r. Croker for six years & We humbly propose an allowance of 35 per annum

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordship great wisdom

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