

Report on the Edinburgh Mint.

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To the Right Honourable the Earle of Godolphin Lord High Treasurer.

May it please your Lordship

According to your Lordships verbal order to lay before your Lordship Memorials of what may be requisite for setting on foot the coynage in Scotland with Expedition; I humbly represent that upon being informed that there is but one Clerk in the Mint at Edinburgh for rating & standarding, that for want of more Clerks errors are sometimes committed & the silver not rightly standardd, that their assaying & rating & standarding & way of book-keeping differ from ours & must be set right, & that none of their chief Officers have yet acquainted themselves with our practise, I have spoke with D^r Gregory Professor of Astronomy at Oxford (as I acquainted your Lordship) & with one of the Clerks of the Mint in the Tower about going to that Mint to instruct their Officers & Clerk & assist them in their business till Michaelmas next: And if your Lordship approves thereof, I humbly propose that for setling this matter, a suitable recompence for that service may be appointed, the consideration thereof (if your Lordship pleases) being first referred to such persons as your Lordship shall think fit.

And whereas Dyes & perhaps Puncheons are to be sent from hence till such time as the work of the Graver of that Mint shall be approved, I further humbly propose that the prizes of those things may be also referred & settled.

All which is most humbly submitted to

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Your Lordships great wisdom

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