

Recommendations for sorting out the Edinburgh Mint's expenses.

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We have made a report upon the petition of M^r Rob^t Millar the Queens Clerk & proposed that he should be allowed a recompence of 60^{li} for his service in assisting the three Commissioners appointed to certify the deficiencies upon the recoinage. The Petition of the moneyers was referred to us before I stopt it, which I was not aware of when I had the honour to see your Lordship last. We have since made a report upon it in which we set forth the weight of all the money coyned, the sum due to the Moneyers after the rate of 9^d per lw^t for the coinage, , how much they have received thereof & what remains due to them & that of the said 9^d M^r Allardes be allowed one penny per poundweight in his accounts by her Majesty, & beare only the other 8^d out of his own allowance as is done in the Mint in the Tower. We have also reported what is due to the Moneyers for journeys & other allowances So that I hope this Report will fully settle their account & procure a Warrant for paying it off {as} soon as there is money, & for authorizing M^r Allardes to place the penny per poundweight to her Majesty in his account &

My Lord

I understand that the Barons of the Exchequer of North Britain are calling in the money due to your Mint from the Collectors of the Bullion, & I hope there is good progress made in that matter. And as that money can be got in I presume my Lord Treasurer will order it for paying off the arrears of the late recoinage & the other charges {o}f your mint. And if any thing relating to this matter be referred by my Lord Treasurer to the Officers of the Mint in Tower I shall be ready to promote the affairs of your Mint as much as I can.

Since the Vnion of the two kingdoms there has been a Duty collectd in North Britain upon the same foot with the coinage Duty in England & the money collected (which is but a small summ) lies in her Majestys Exchequer. I presume my Lord Treasurer will give order about it next winter & also about the 12 hundred pounds applicable (by the new Act of Parliament) to the payment of salaries & charges of repairs. But during this vacation time, his Lordship being seldom at London & not yet having an account of the old arrears in the hands of the collectors of bullion, will be difficult to get these matters settled. I wrote to M^r Allardes about two or three months ago to sollicit the Barons of the Exchequer to call in those arrears, & as soon as a full state of that matter can be laid before his Lordship which I hope may be before <166v> winter, I am humbly of opinion that it may be proper to draw up a memorial representing the arrears due to the Mint, & moving his Lordship for the payment thereof & for settling the payment {of} such further summs from time to time as shall be requisite for the support of your Mint for the future, & I believe it will be most proper to get the Secretary of State to lay the Memorial before his Lordship.
