

Holograph draft memorandum  
[clearly related to MINT00838  
(/catalogue/record/MINT00838),  
(Mint 19/1/433-4) but completely  
different in wording] asserting the  
Mint's right to coiners' forfeited  
goods over claims by the bailiffs  
and sheriffs of Westminster.

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The case between the King & Sir W<sup>m</sup> Ashurt & Sir Rich Levet latesheriffs of London has bin depending about 4 years. Whereof about thre{e} year{s} it was managd by Aaron Smith. but the Warden of {the} Mint complaining to the Lords of the Treasury of his negligence they ordered M<sup>r</sup> Macy to take it in hand & it is still put off by the Court of {Exchequer} till Michaelmas term next, viz<sup>t</sup> for the payment of 170<sup>lb</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup> in money: They were likewise charged for 885 $\frac{1}{4}$  ounces of Clippings but by M<sup>r</sup> Aar. Smiths neglect in not putting a value upon them the Court did not think fit the process should go forward for them but begin anew by way of scire facias for the same. There are other parcels of clipping & clipt money which the said Gentlemen Sir W. A & Sir R. L were chargeable with in their year which M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Hardesty Clerk of the Peace for Middlesex can give an account of as well as the several Sheriffs before & since Sir W. Ashurst & Sir R. L for at least 7 years.

The case of the Bayliff of Westminster was that he did make seizures of several things relating to clippers & coyners, particularly clippings, clipt & counterfeit money, Guineas, houshold Goods & other personal estate to the value of 5{6}0 or above belonging to one Middleton convicted & executed about two years ago for clipping. Vide the English {Bi}ll preferred against him now in M<sup>r</sup> Tussinghams hander but not yet signed by M<sup>r</sup> Attorney. M<sup>r</sup> Tussingham is a clerk of the Exchequer & lives neare leather Lane in Holbourn. Memorandum the Aaron Smith soon after the execution of Middleton told G. Macy that he had an

acquaintance which could discover a personal estate of the said Middletons not yet found out, to the value of about 5 of 600<sup>l</sup><sup>b</sup>, but demanded what share he or his friends should have of the same when so done.

There is also a Bill (not yet signed by M<sup>r</sup> Attorney) in the hands of the said Master Tussingham against my Lady Russel & Owen her steward for 3 or 400 Guineas, clippings, plate, melted Silver house & household Good {in} all esteemed worth 1200<sup>l</sup><sup>b</sup>, belonging to one Newell in Holbourn convicted executed about 2 years since. At his tryall several Ingots of melted Silver were produced against him at the old Bayly which then Sheriffs <435v> seized. The Lady Russel claims under her Ancestors as Lords of the Mannor. M<sup>r</sup> Macy hath given all his Papers relating to these things to M<sup>r</sup> Hardesty for instructions to draw these things by.

The Bayliff of the Burrough of Southwark charged with 100 ounces of clippings taken upon a person acquitted at Kingston Assizes a year & an half ago. He claims under the City of London.

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