Holograph memorandum deprecating a new alloy of silver and zinc in unknown proportions.

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Danger of a clamour. A power in the King or Regency to stop the coinage That the Comptroller see {them} melted down again as often as it is without the Remedy.

The Composition not yet discovered. It makes a hard brittle metal not coinage & must be altered to make it malleable. The quantity of silver in it unknown. The Zink evaporates fast & by evaporating the colour will change, amp; therefore the composition is unfit for other uses. A mixture of silver & copper of more value.