

# "Report of the Assays of Spanish Pieces"

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Letter from the Master and Worker of the  
Mint to M<sup>r</sup>. Chancellour concerning the  
Value of Spanish Money

Mint Office Ian<sup>ry</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 171 $\frac{2}{3}$

Sir

Our Assay Master being out of Town and his Clerk Sick in bed I got the Two Spanish Pieces Assayed at Goldsmith's Hall The Piece of King Charles weighed 3 dead weight 12<sup>gr</sup>. and in fineness was four Penny Weight worse then Standard, The Value thereof in English Money is 10<sup>d</sup>. &  $\frac{3}{5}$  <sup>ths</sup>. of a Penny The Piece of King Philip weighed 4<sup>dw<sup>t</sup></sup>.  $\frac{1}{4}$  grain and was One Ounce Two Penny Weight worse then Standard and in Value 11<sup>d</sup> half Penny English They seem to be Quarter Pieces of Eight of the New Species and in the nearest Round Numbers, Five of them may be reckon'd worth a Mexico or Pillar Piece of Eight If I had had Two or Three More of each sort I could have made a better Iudgement of them, but by the best Iudgement I can make of these Two only it seems to Me that they may be diminished in Value of One Fift Part or in the Proportion of five to four. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient and  
most Humble Servant

Is. Newton

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[1] Treasury Chambers 19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1713

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