

Statement by Joseph Hoyle of the Signet Office that appointments to the mastership prior to Newton's were normally for life.

Author: Isaac Newton

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Iuly 1660 12th Car 2^d

A Grant of the Officer of Master and Worker of his Majesties Monies both Gold and Silver in the Mint in the Tower of London to Sir Ralph Freeman during his life with a salary of 500^{li} per Annum with all Buildings houses and fees &c^a. belonging to the said Office.

August 1670 22th Car 2^d.

a like Grant to Henry Slingsby Esq^r. during life, to take place after the Death of Sir Ralph Freeman,

Iuly 1678 30th Car, 2^d,

a like Grant to Thomas Neale Esq^r. during Life to take place after the Death of henry Slingby

Sir

upon Examination into our Books at this office, I find the Three persons above named to be Predecessors in the Office of Master's of the Mint, to Sir Isaac Newton, he succeeding M^r Neale in the Year 1699 I can go farther back as far as the 30th of Eliz^a. to Satisfy you, and Answer Your Question, but I think the Three foregoing precedents may be Sufficient to Prove, that this Office was usually granted for Life, and {Sir} Presume it was always so granted till Sir Isaac Newtons time, I am with the Greatest truth and esteem Sir

Your most obedient humble

Servant

Ios: Moyle.

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