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To the Right Honourable the Lord Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury.

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships order of Reference of 7<sup>th</sup> Ian<sup>ry</sup> upon the Petition of Tho. Dearsly for a Reward for discovering several Presses sufficient for coining of money: I humbly represent that all the persons taken up on this Information, pleaded that they used those their Presses in their lawfull trades & in the opinion of the Attorney General this plea was a sufficient excuse & the Presses could not be destroyed without a suspicion of coining. And therefore the men have been set at liberty without a tryall & their Presses delivered back to them, except one or two which belonged to a person who fled & was suspected of coining. And by this escape the men are encouraged to go on. The law appoints Rewards in some cases for prosecuting to conviction: but I know of no Precedent for rewarding the Petitioner & feare the consequence of making new Precedents.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdom.

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