

# Copy of a report of the Officers of the Mint upon the Bill of Mr James Gerard, chief engraver of his Majesty's Seals

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury

May it Please Your Lordships

In Obedience to Your Lordships order of Reference of the 24 of Iuly last past upon the Bill hereunto annexed of M<sup>r</sup> James Gerard chief Engraver of His Majestys Seals, We humbly Report to Your Lordships that We have Considered and Examined the same, and do find by the Perusal of the Warrants he has produced to us that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales when Guardian of the Kingdom had directed the making of the several Seals in the said Bill mentioned, and by the Receipt of the Duke of Roxburgh it appears that they were delivered to his Grace for the use of Scotland, and as they have been weighed in the Mint that they are of the Weight expressed, in the said Bill.

We farther humbly Certifye Your Lordships that We have examined the Impressions of the said Seals, and upon Comparing them with those of former Seals remaining with us, made by his predecessors, we find the work now performed by M<sup>r</sup>. Gerard to be good and no way Inferior to what has been done before, butt as he has over charged £10. in the Privy Seal mentioned in his Bill to be made for North Britain, We are humbly of Opinion that that Sum ought to be deducted from his Bill as likewise the forty shillings he setts down for making Draughts of several Seals, there being no Precedent for such an allowance.

All which is most humbly Submitted to Your Lordships great wisdom

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[1] Mint Office the 11<sup>th</sup>. February 1718.