Holograph drafts of legislation to recompense the Mint for the fact that the money coined from premium plate came to less than the amount spent on the plate: the shortfall is calculated at various figures from £1,813.0s.8d. to £5,168.6s.4d.

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And whereas by her Majesties Warrant under her signe manual in pursuance of the votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament directed to the Officers of her Mint several parcels of plate were received into the said Mint in May & Iune last which after the rates of  $5^s$   $5^d$  per ounce for plate of the old standard,  $\{5\}^s$  &  $8^d$  per ounce for plate of the new standard &  $5^s$   $6^d$  per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard, [1] amounted unto the summ of 76670. 2. 11 to be allowed to the Importers of the said plate according to her Majesties said Warrant & the said votes & address of the Commons, & whereas the moneys produced out of said plate by coinage amounted only unto the summ of 71512.2.4. including the produce of the sweep; which summ being deducted  $5158^{li}$ .  $0^s$ .  $7^d$ : Be it further enacted that the said deficiency shall be supplied & made good out of &c.

And whereas by her Warrant under her signe manuall which in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament was directed to the Officer of her Mint, several parcels of Plate were received into the said Mint after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May last which after the rates of 5<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> per ounce for plate of the old standard, 5<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> per ounce for plate of the new standard & 5<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard, amounted unto the summ of 27824<sup>li</sup>. 11<sup>s</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. to be allowed to the Importers of the said Plate corrindg to her Majesties Warrant & the said Votes {&} Address of the Commons; & whereas the moneys produced out of the said Plate by coinage fell short of the said summ & left a deficiency not yet provided for: Bet it enacted that the Deficiency be supplied & made good out of

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NB the moneys produced by coinage amounted to 1211. 5. 0 besides 102. 17. 1
25808.13.5

NB The moneys produced by coinage amounted to 25808. 13. 5 besides 102. 17. 1 produced out of the sweep; in all 25911. 10. 6: which being deducted from the premium leaves a deficiency of 1913<sup>li</sup>. 0<sup>s</sup>. 8<sup>d</sup>.

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And whereas in pursuance of an address of the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled to her Majesty on or about the fifth day of May 1711, & by her Majesties Warrant issued thereupon under the royal signe manual bearing date on or about the tenth day of the same month several parcels of wrought Plate were received into her Majesties Mint after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1711 at such rates & prices as had been agreed unto by the said Commons; which rates & prices for the said plate exceeded the moneys produced by the coinage of the same by the summ of one thousand nine hundred and fifteen pounds eleven shillings & six pence which is not yet provided for: Be it further enacted that the same Deficiency or summ of one thousand nine hundred and fifteen pounds eleven shillings and six pence be supplied or made good out of the moneys which have arisen or shall arise by the Duty one wines imported, commonly called the Coinage Duty

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And whereas by her Majesties Warrant under her signe manual in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament directed to the Officers of her Mint, several parcells of Plate were received into the said Mint in May & Iune last which after the rates of 5° 5<sup>d</sup> per ounce for plate of the old standard, 5° 8<sup>d</sup> per ounce for plate of the new standard & 5° 6<sup>d</sup> per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard, amounted unto the summ of 76670<sup>li</sup>. 2°. 11<sup>d</sup> to be allowed to the Importers of the said plate according to her Majesties said Warrant & the said Votes & Address of the Commons, & whereas the moneys produced out of the said plate by coinage amounted only unto the summ of 71512<sup>li</sup>. 2°. 4<sup>d</sup> including the produce of the sweep, which being deducted from the former summ leaves a deficiency of 5158<sup>li</sup>. 00°. 7<sup>d</sup>: Be it further enacted that the said deficiency shall be supplied & made good out of the &c

And whereas by her Majesties Warrant under her signe manual in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament directed to the Officers of her Mint several parcels of plate were received into the said Mint in May & Iune last, which after the rates of  $5^s$   $5^d$  per ounce for plate of the old standard,  $5^s$   $8^d$  per ounce for plate of the new standard amounted unto the summ of  $27824^{li}$ .  $11^s$ .  $2^d$  to be allowed to the Importers of the said Plate according to her Majesties said Warrant & the said votes & address of the Commons; & whereas the moneys  $25911^{\overline{li}}$ .  $10^s$ .  $6^d$ . including the produce of the sweep, which being deducted from the former summ leaves a deficiency of 1913.  $0^s$ .  $8^d$  not yet provided for: Be it therefore enacted that the said deficiency of  $1913^{li}$ .  $0^s$ .  $8^d$ . shall be supplied & made good out of the &c

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And whereas by her Majesties Warrant under her signe manual in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament directed to the Officers of her Mint, several parcells of Plate were received into the said Mint after the  $14^{th}$  day of May last which after the rates of  $5^s$   $1^d$  per ounce for plate of the old standard  $5^s$   $8^d$  per ounce for plate of the new standard &  $5^s$   $6^d$  per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard, amounted unto the summ of  $27824^{li}$ .  $11^s$ .  $2^d$  to be allowed to the Importers of the said Plate according to her Majestys said Warrant & the said Votes & Address of the Commons; & whereas the moneys produced out of the said Plate by coinage fell short of the said summ & left a \* < insertion from lower down f 525r > \* NB. The moneys produced out of the Plate by coinage amounted unto  $25808^{li}$ .  $13^s$ .  $5^d$ . besides

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 $102^{\overline{li}}$ .  $17^s$ .  $1^d$  produced out of the sweep; in all, unto  $25911^{li}$ .  $10^s$ .  $6^d$ ; Which being deducted from the premium leaves a deficiency of  $1913^{\overline{li}}$ .  $0^s$ .  $8^d$  < text from higher up f 525r resumes > Deficiency not yet provided for: Be it enacted that the Deficiency be supplied & made good out of the &c

And whereas in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament & by her Majesties Warrant issued thereupon under her Royal signe manual directed to the Officers of her Mint, several parcels of plate were received into thesaid Mint after the 14th day of May last {ut} & the deficiency of what was received after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May is not yet premium which exceeded the moneys produced by the coinage of the said Plate Be it further enacted that so much of the Deficiency as is not yet proveded for be supplied & made good out of the &c

And whereas in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament & by her Majesties Warrant issued thereupon under her Royal signe manual to the Officers of her Mint several parcels of Plate were received into the Mint upon a premium which exceeded the moneys produced by the coinage of the said Plate, & the deficiency of what was received after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May last is not yet provided for: Be it further enacted that the said Deficiency be supplied & made good out of the &c

NB. The premium amounted unto 27824<sup>li</sup>. 11<sup>s</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup>. The the Ingots melted out of the Plate produced 25808<sup>li</sup>. 13. 5. [The sweep of the Plate produced 285<sup>li</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 1<sup>d</sup>. Besides the produce of the sweep.

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And whereas upon the Address of the house of Commons made to her Majesty the last Sessions Her Majesty by her Warrant directed the Officers of the Mint to Receive Plate to be coined & for the receive Platesame after the rates of 5<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> for Plate of hte old standard 5<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> for Plate of the new standard & 5 6 for uncertain plate reduced to standard which summs exceeded the moneys coined out of the said plate by the summ of 5178. 6. 4. Be it further enacted that the deficiency of 5178. 6. 4 together with all charges of melting refining & coining the said plate & all incident charges relating thereunto be paid out of the moneys given for coinage.

And whereas upon the Address of the House of Commons made to her Majesty the last sessions of Parliament, Her Majesty by her Warrant directed the Officers of the Mint to receive plate to be coined & to give Receipts for the same after the rates of  $5^s$   $5^d$  per Ounce for Plate of the old standard,  $5^s$   $8^d$  for Plate of the new standard &  $5^s$   $6^d$  for uncertain Plate reduced to standard: Be it further enacted that the excess of the said rates above the moneys coined out of the said plate, together with all charges of melting refining & coining the sa{m}e, be paid out of the moneys given for coinage.

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And whereas in pursuance of the Votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament & by her Majesties Warrant issued thereupon under her royal signe manual, several parcels of plate were received into her Majesties Mint upon a premium which exceeded the monies produced by the coinage of the said Plate, & the deficiency of what was received after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May last, amounting to the summe of one thousand nine hundred & fifteen pounds elecven shillings & six pence, is not yet provided for: Be it further enacted that the said Deficiency be supplied & made good out of the moneys which have arisen or shall arise out of the coinage Duty.

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And whereas by her Majesties Warrant under her signe manual directed to the Officers of her Mint in pursuance of the votes & Addres of the Commons in the last session of Parliament several parcells of plate were received into her Majestys said Mint after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, which after the rate of 5<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> per ounce for plate of the old standard 5<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> per ounce {for} plate of the new standard & 5<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard amounted unto the summ of 17824.11 2, to be allowed to the said Importersaccording to {h}{h}e {illeg} said warrant & votes of the Commons, & the money produced out of

the said plate by coinage amounted only to the summ of  $\sim \sim 15808$ . 13. 5 besides 96 pounds coined out of the sweep, such which summs being deducted from the former summ have a deficiency of  $1919^{li}$ .  $17^s$ .  $9^d$ . not yet provided for: Be it therefore further enacted that the said deficiency shall be supplied & made good out of &c

Ch arges of melting refining & coining the Plate imported on the three first days, & incident charges thereof —	}	1155.	10.	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Charges of melting refining & coining the Plate imported from May 15 to Iune 19 & incident charges thereof —	}	659.	00.	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Charges of coining the last parcel		28.	9.	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Charges of melting refining & coining the first parcel & incidents		1814.	<b>{10}</b> .	10
Charges of coining the second parcel	_	28.	9.	$1\frac{1}{2}$

to the summ of  $15808^{li}$ .  $13^s$ .  $5^d$  besides  $102^{\overline{li}}$ .  $17^s$ .  $0^d$ . coined out of the sweep: both which summs being deducted from the former summ leave a deficiency of

1And whereas by her Majesties warrant under her signe manual which in pursuance of the votes & Address of the Commons in the last session of Parliament was directed to the Officers of her Mint, several parcels of plate were received into her {M}ajesties Mint after the  $15^{th}$  day of May last, which after the rate of  $5^s$   $5^d$  per ounce for plate of the old standard,  $5^s$   $8^d$  per ounce for plate of the new standard &  $5^s$   $6^d$  per ounce for uncertain plate reduced to standard{,} amounted unto the summ of  $17824^{li}$ .  $11^s$ .  $2^d$ . to be allowed to the Importers of the said plate according to her Majestys said Warrant & the said votes of the Commons; and hte moneys produced out of the said plate < insertion from higher up f 557r > 2by coinage amounted only unto the summ of 15911 10. 6 including the produce of the sweep, which summ being deducted from the former summ leaves a deficiency of 1913. 1. 8. not yet provided for. Be it therefore further enacted the said deficiency of 1913. 1. 8 shall be supplied & made good out of &c. < text from lower down f 557r resumes >

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That all sorts of plate be received by the Master according to the standard weight, & that if the house desire an account of the gross weight of the different sorts of plate that weight be taken before melting, but the price & premium be given by the standard weight after melting.

That the Master give receipts according to the standard values & under the Receipt certify the premium above the standard value.

That all sorts of plate be received by the Master according to the standard weight & value & the premium above the standard value by only certified in or under the receipt.

That the allowance for charge & wast of the first melting be agreed upon in the beginning.

That if the house desire an account of the gross weight of the several sorts of plate, the same be taken before melting & entred in books.

In the year 536 Belisarius made war upon the Goths & conquered them, but being recalled by the Greek Emperor the

27824. 11. 2

25808. 13. 5

285. 10. **(illeg)** 

26094. 3

1730. 7. 8

1155. 10.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ 

574. 17.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ 

 $<sup>^{[1]}</sup>$  The contents of this note are only visible in the diplomatic transcript because they were deleted on the original manuscript