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To the Right Honourable the Lord Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury

Wee the Warden & Master Worker of his Majestys Mint Having received from your Lordships a Reference dated the 4th. day of Aug^t. last upon the Memoriall of M^r. Ionathan Ambrosse hereunto annexed wherein he Proposes to have Three half pence per pound for the first melting down of the Plate; Wee take this opportunity humbly to lay before your Lordships that the Master and worker of the Mint did always melt down all silver and Gold brought thither to be coyned, and did therein imploy such person or persons as he thought fitt for the doing thereof being bound by the Indenture of the mint to perform that service and is answerable for all loss and miscarriage that may happen in the doeing thereof and therefore humbly

Prays that he may Employ the persons that doe it as formerly and is willing to undertake the severall meltings of the clipt money at 3 farthings the pound, and such other Conditions as are at present allowed for the same, and to undertake the first melting down of the plate at one penny per pound, + the Refineing (since the Quantity is like to be great) for what's done in London at 11^d per pound; but for what's done + to be done in the countrey he humbly does crave the present allowance of 12^d per pound he having all along paid the same price and for paying the said Ionath Ambrosse for the Plate he has already melted and the Refineing thereof we humbly leave it to your Lordships how and what rate to direct And we further presume to Represent to your Lordships an inconvenience we conceive has arisen by wording the Warrant under his Majestys sign Manuall for the distribution of the 14^d per pound allowed by an act of last sessions for making the money whereby it is directed that 9 pence per pound (part of the 14 pence) should be paid to the Corporation of Moneyers whereas by the Indenture of the Mint 8^d per pound and noe more is directed to be paid them for their Service and the additionall penny was only to be paid and allowed them as a Bounty from his Majesty soe long as the Warden Master and Controller or any two of them whereof the Warden to be one should perceive the moneys well seized Blanched and Coyned and a due proportion <195v> of small money made and the said services not having by them been well and duly performed as an Inducement for the future and to make them well size Blanch and Coyn the silver money and in all things for the future to act as they ought Wee Conceive it convenient that in the next warrant to be signed by his Majesty for Coyning either clipt money or plate in pursuance of any Act of this Sessions that the giving the penny to the moneyers may be only conditionall as tis by the Indenture and that if they doe not deserve it the same money to be saved to the Crown
