

# Petition of Francis Moore to the Treasury for a share of the estate of the convicted counterfeiter William Hawkins (executed on 26 July), as a reward for ascertaining the extent of this estate.

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Petition  
Francis Moore  
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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury

The humble Petition of Francis Moore Gent

Sheweth

That whereas W<sup>m</sup>. Hawkins late of London was executed at the Citty of Lincoln on the 26<sup>th</sup>: day Iuly now last past for Counterfeiting the current coin of this Kingdom whereby his Estate both reall and Personall is become forfeited unto his Majesty. And for as much as your Petitioner hath been att expence and trouble in travelling and makeing dilligent enquiry to find out his Estate hath found some Estate with writeings of Considerable vallue which did belong to the said W<sup>m</sup>. Hawkins

Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays your Lordships will be pleased to Order and impower your Petitioner to receive & recover such Papers, Moneys, or other Estate reall or Personall for his Majestys use as have belonged to the said deceased, And for the faith & full performance whereof your Petitioner is ready to give such

security as may be to your Honours satisfaction. And for his Encouragement therein and defraying his Expences. Your Petitioner is willing to submit himself to your Lordships pleasure & County as in such cases have been usuall, or in this may seem meet to your Lordships.

And your Petitioner shall ever Pray &c<sup>a</sup>

Whitehall Treasury Chambers 12<sup>th</sup>: August 1697

The Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury are pleased to referr this Petition to Isaac Newton Esquire Warden of his Majestys Mint who is to consider the same and Certify their Lordshipps a true State of the matter therein contained together with his Opinion what is fitt to be done therein.

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