

# Holograph notes on parliamentary proceedings relating to copper coinage 1694-1708.

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- 17 Apr. 1674. It was Resolved that the present Tinn Farthings & Half pence not being of the Intrinsick value, & being easy to be counterfeited, were an obstruction to Trade, & a great grievance of the subject.
- That the farthings & half pence to be made for the future, ought to be made of English metall & of the Intrinsick value, & to be coyned by their Majesties at the Mint.
- And it was resolved not to be lett to Farms.
- Vpon these Resolutions an Address was Ordered to be drawn up: which was done accordingly, & presented to his Majesty, that the Tinn farthings & half pence (not counterfeited) should be exchanged by his Majesty.
- 20 Apr. The Addresse.
- 23 Apr. The Kings Answer, Viz<sup>t</sup>
- That he was willing to comply with the desires of the House, & would do this as far as was consistent with the publick good.
- And soon after, An Agreement was accordingly made with certain persons to change the Tin halfpence & farthings for others of copper to be coyned for them by the Kings Officers at the Mint &c
- 13 Jan. 1695. A complaint was made that the Patentees made the Farthings & half pence of base Copper, and refused to deliver out any but for milled & broad unclipt money & at 10<sup>li</sup> or 15<sup>li</sup> per cent, & refused to exchange Tinn farthings.
- 3 Apr. The Committee made a Report
- 6 Apr. The Report was considered & several Resolutions made in behalf of the Patentees, viz<sup>t</sup>.
- Resolved that upon Examination of the complaint made against the Patentees for making copper half pence & farthings, The Committee are of opinion that the said Patentees have made the said farthings & half pence of good

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copper according to the direction of their Patent.

Resolved,

That the said Patentees have exchanged & delivered out half pence & farthings for good & current silver money at the common value without any further recompence.

Resolved,

That the said Patentees have exchanged 200<sup>li</sup> a week of Tinn farthings & half pence for 200<sup>li</sup> of the like value in copper half pence & farthings pursuant to their said Patent.

In 169<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> An Act passed for stopping the Coyning of half pence & farthings for one year.

In 169<sup>8</sup>/<sub>9</sub> A Bill passed the House of Commons for preventing the coyning them for One year longer, but the Bill did not pass the Lords house.

In 1<sup>699</sup>/<sub>700</sub> A Bill was brought in for restraining the coyning any more half pence & farthings, but it went no further then the Committee.

1<sup>o</sup> Apr. 1708. (the last day of the session) A Petition of the Inhabitants of Southwark was read setting forth

That they were informed some persons were attempting to obtain a New Licence for a New Coynage of half pence & farthings tho they were loaded with great quantities thereof, & prayed the Consideration of the house.

This Petition was ordered to lye on the Table.

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