Response to MINT00872 (/catalogue/record/MINT00872) (Mint 19/1/495): Rotherham appears to be 'a trifler more fit to embroyle the coinage then to mend it'.

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In obedience to an Order of Reference of the late Lords Iustices dated 11th Octob. 1720 upon a Memorial of M^r Iohn Rotherham proposing a new method of coyning the moneys of Gold & Silver so as to prevent the counterfeiting thereof & to make it more durable provided he may be assured of a Reward before he discovers his secret & praying that it may be examined: I humbly represent that he offers nothing to be examined & without examination I am in the dark & know not what report to make. I take him to be a trifler more fit to embroyle the coinage then to mend it.