

# Clerical hand: notes for MINT00159 (/catalogue/record/MINT00159), (Mint 19/1/228-9), followed by a draft of it in Newton's hand.

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The time for the triall of the Pix to be appointed by the King or Privy Council a month before.

Three Clerks extract out of their Books the weights of all the moneys taken up from time to time

1 The Lord Keeper to be waited on to send his Letter to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths Company to returne him the Names of an able Iury for the Tryall of the Monies of Gold and Silver in the Pix att the Starr Chamber the 16<sup>th</sup>. of this instant Iuly in the forenoone

2 The returne of the Names being made to his Lordshipp He is pleased to give order to his sergeant att Arms or his Deputy to summon them according to their Names to meete att the same place and time

3 The Pix box or boxes to be putt on the Table before 9 in the morning

4 { At about 10 a clock The Lords doe meet and take their places  
The Officers of the Mint, the Exchequer officers, + Goldsmiths attending

5 The Officers of the Mint attend with their keys, + open the box or boxes + poure the mony upon the Table

6 The Lord Keeper calls to the Sergeant att Arms for his paper of the Names of the Iury summoned

7 The Iury by that paper are called over + sworne

8 The indened tryall pieces of the Exchequer delivered to the Lord Keeper who examines them by the indented trial pieces of the Mint.

9 The Lord Keeper gives the Iury in charge to take speciall care in the Tryall of the Gold and Silver monys by weight + finenesse according to the Rules sett down in the Indenture of the Mint with the greatest care that possibly may be It being a businesse of a very publick concerne

10 The Lord Keeper appoints the Iury when & where they shall attend him with their Veredict & then the Iury withdraws with the Warden Master & Controller 11 & appoints 5 or 6 of their number to try the moneys by fire & as many other to tell & weigh the moneys in the Pix during the tryal, & selecting so much of the moneys of all sorts as amounts to 3<sup>li</sup>. 2<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup> or 4<sup>li</sup>. 13<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup> or 6<sup>li</sup>. 4<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>, they first try whether it weigh 1<sup>li</sup> or 1<sup>li</sup>. 6<sup>oz</sup>. or 2<sup>li</sup>, & set down exactly what it weighs more or less, then melt it into an Ingot & set down the wast in melting, then make two Assays of every Ingot. If the wast prove too great or . . . they take new moneys out of the Pix & melt & assay them as before, &<sup>12</sup> when the Assays are finished they go to dinner where the Warden sits first as in the Mint & the Fore man of the Iury & first Warden of the Goldsmiths on the right hand of the Warden, & Master & Controller on the left & 13 after dinner they give in their veredict where the Warden may be present

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