

# Copy of response to Sandford's memorial, detailing the salary and expenses allowance of a clerk for assistance in prosecuting clippers and counterfeiters

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To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury

May it Please your Lordships

In Obedience to your Lordships Order of Reference of Iune 16 last upon the Memoriall of the Warden of His Majestys Mint concerning a Clerk to be allowed him for assisting him in the prosecution of Clippers and Counterfeiters of the Coine & concerning Moneys to bear the charges of such prosecutions and the method of accounting for the same We humbly represent to your Lordships that the late Wardens have been allowed such a Clerk and have been supplied with moneys partly by a Privy Seal empowering them to seize the forfeited estates of convicted criminals and partly out of the Civil List Moneys, untill an allowance not exceeding 400<sup>li</sup> per annum was made out of the Coynage money by Act of Parliament for Carrying on this service.

Wee are therefore humbly of opinion that the Warden of the Mint do find out a fit person to attend him as Clerk and Sollicitor to draw up Informations and Warrants and enter them in Books, & attend prosecutions at the Old Baily and assizes, and that this Officer be allowed a sallary of 60<sup>li</sup> per annum as formerly. And that upon being sent into the Country to apprehend and prosecute Offenders he be further allowed 15<sup>sh</sup>. per day travelling charges for himself and his Horse and such other persons as shall be sent upon the like services be allowed for themselves & their Horses such travelling charges as the Warden shall approve of, nott exceeding 10<sup>sh</sup> per day to the two principal of them, & 8<sup>sh</sup> per day to the rest And that in lieu of pocket expences, coach hire fees of court, charges of wittnesses and such other incident expences as cannott be ascertained by good Vouchers or would perplex the Accounts there be allowed for every house searched in London the sum of 10<sup>sh</sup>. & in Country the sum of 25<sup>sh</sup>. and for every person apprehended and brought before a Iustice of the Peace and committed to prison in London the sum of 10<sup>sh</sup>. & in the Country the sum of 25<sup>sh</sup>. to be equally divided between the persons who search or apprehend and carry to prison; and for every person indicted & tried in London the sum of 50<sup>sh</sup>. and in the Country the sum of 4<sup>li</sup> to him or them who by the Wardens Order shall sollicite and manage the Prosecution, besides Councillours Fees; provided there be so many wittnesses as may justifie bringing the person accused to a Tryall.

And We are also humbly of Opinion that the Master & Worker of the Mint be impowered by a sign Mannual to pay the Sallary of the said Clerk or Sollicitor quarterly as it shall become due, and to advance to him such summs of money from time to time as by allowance or order under the Wardens hand He the said sollicitor shall desire or demand for carrying on the Prosecutions nott exceeding in the Whole 200<sup>l</sup> per annum and to pay what shall be further due to the said sollicitor upon his Accounts duly stated and allowed. And that the Auditors of the Mint be directed & required in the said Sign Mannual to allow in the Accounts of the Master & Worker all the said payments not exceeding in the whole the sum of 400<sup>li</sup> per annum allowed by Act of Parliament for this service.

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And Wee are further humbly of Opinion that the said sollicitor do at the end of every half year lay before the Master & Comptroller of the Mint an account of the services performed by Him or his assistants, upon which any moneys be due or have been paid to him or them with a certificate from the Warden in writing that those services were done by his Order. and also a Bill or Bills of moneys paid for Councillours fees, extraordinary Habeas Corpus's, Lord Chief Iustices Warrants, &c. And that he incert nothing into those bills without Receipts or other good Vouchers for the same, nothing for Country people assisting in searching houses and in apprehending and Carrying to prison persons suspected or accused. And that the Master and Worker and the Comptroller do Examine and sign those Bills as Vouchers to the Annual Account of the said sollicitor. And that at the End of every year the said sollicitor do Lay his Account for that year first before the Warden of the Mint to be Examined and signed, & then before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their approbation or direction how the same shall be Audited stated allowed & discharged

And if the Accomptant craves any augmentation of any allowance for services nott within the Rules above mentioned the same be laid before the Lord High Treasurer or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury at the End of his Accompt.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great Wisdom

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