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To the Right Honorable The Lords Commissioners of his Majestie's Treasury

In Obedience to your Lordship's commands of the 21st. of Decemb^r. Last, whereby your Lordships are pleased to refer the Representation of the Provost and fellowes of the corporation of Monyers (in Relation to their Bills hereunto annexed for setting up the several Mints both in the Tower and In the country &c.) to the Warden and Master & Worker of his Majestie's Mint, and to direct them to consider the same, and to report to your Lordships a true state of the matter, with their opinion of what they think fitt to be done therein,

Wee have considered as well as we could of the same, and do find the prices answerable to the Estimate at first brought in by them of the several Materials, signed by Iohn Braint Provost and Engeneer, George Russell the person chiefly imployed in the marking, and Henry Looker one of the Corporation of Monyers and present Smith of the Mint, which Estimate was shewed to, and not disapproved by your Lordships, But for as much as the quantity of those Materials provided by the Monyers is very much greater then was at first thought of, or designed, wee are humbly of opinion that Eight per cent may well be abbatd of their Bills, if they are paid in any reasonable time.

All which utensills and materialls mentioned In the aforesaid Bills are to be kept in repair by the Engeneer the present Provost of the Mint as his own cost and charges during the continuance of the present coinage, and when the same shall be over such as then shall not remain in use are to be registred <209v> in the Books of the Mint, and in some safe place laid up and preserved for his Majestie's service.

And as to what relates to their claime for the Coinag{e} in the country Mints, they must be Equally paid in the country for every pound of silver coined there, as they are here In London, which we suppose may be mor{e} now then what is sett in their Bills viz. £2083.

But for that Article whereby they desire to be paid for horses and Charges of carrying of Materials to the country Mints and As by word of mouth they do alledg{e} for guarding the silver Ingotts sent down for paying the six pence per ounce recompense in the county to such as should bring any Hammered Money to be coined, for which they claime £510, we Leave that article Intire to your Lordship's consideration, but humbly conceive as they expect they may deserve som{e} allowance for the same;

And what relates to the £773 In the same article mentioned by them sent to the several country Mints it ought to be wholly struck out, it being included in what they are to receive for coinage.

All which is humbly submitted to your Lordshipps great Wisdom.
