## "Report of the Officers of the Mint upon the Bill of Mr James Gerard, chief engraver of his Majesty's Seales"

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To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In Obedience to your Lordship's Order of Reference of the 24<sup>th</sup>. of Iuly Last past upon the Bill hereunto annexed of M<sup>r</sup>. Iames Gerard chief Engraver of his Majesty's Seales, We humbly report to your Lordships that we have considered and examined the same, and do find by the perusall of the Warrants he has produced to us that his Royall Highness the Prince of Wales when Guardian of the Kingdom, had directed the making of the several seales in the said Bill mentioned, and by the receipt of the Duke of Roxburghe it appeares that they were delivered to his Grace for the use of Scotland, and as they have been Weighed in the Mint that they are of the Weight expressed in the said Bill.

We farther humbly certifie your Lordships that we have examined the Impressions of the said seales, and upon comparing them with those of former seales remaining with us, made by his predecessors, we find the work now performed by  $M^r$ . Gerard to be good, and no way inferior to what has been done before, but as he has over charged £10. —. in the privy seale mentioned in his Bill to be made for North Britain, we are humbly of Opinion that that sum ought to be deducted from his Bill, as likewise the forty shillings he setts down for making draughts of several seales, there being no precedent for such an allowance.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordship's great Wisdom

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My Lords agree to the report allowing  $M^r$  Gerard the  $10^l$  craved by him for the privy seal in Scotland.

Warrant Signed 2<sup>d</sup> Iuly 1719

[1] Mint Office the 11<sup>th</sup>. february 1718.