

Copy of inventory of tools used by the Mint in Scotland

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To the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England

May it please Your Lordship

In obedience to your Lordships Order of the Instant We have considered the Annex'd Inventory therewith sent us of Tools & other necessarys proposed to be provided in London for the use of Her Majesties Mint in Scotland & have set down the prices of such of them as seem to us proper & necessary to be furnished for the said Mint supposing they are not already in that Mint & cannot be had cheaper from other places then from London,

For the Office of Receipt	L	s	d	L	s	d
One Pyle of Standard Weights	2:	10:	—			
One set of Bell Weights for Gold	2:	00:	—			
One set of Bell weights for Silver	4:	10:	—			
Two sets of Penny weights, Coyn weights & grains	—	9:	—			
One paid of Gold scales for weighting 15 ^{Lwt} : of Gold which are each a journey of Gold	4:	00:	—			
If a pair of Scales be wanting for weighting 60 ^{Lwt} : of silver which We call a journey of silver they will cost	10:	00:	—			
Two books of Vellum, suppose of 80 Leaves Each at 18 ^d : a skin or leaf will cost 12 [£] They are not absolutely necessary we use books of thick Derny Paper	12:	00:	—	35:	09:	—

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	Brought over	35.	09.	—
For the Assay Office	L	s	d	
A pair of assay Ballances with a Lanthorn	5:	—	—	
Assay Weights	2:	—	.	

Two Copell Molds	—	10:			
Two: pair of Iron Molds or Calms to Cast two sorts of Assay Bullets	—	10:			
Five dozen of Muflers at 18 ^d : a Mufter	4:	10:	—		
Fine bone ashes one Bushel	—	12:	—		
300: q Charcoal an hundred bushels at 8 ^d : a bushel	3:	06:	8	16:	08: 08

For the Melter

g Brass patterns for makeing Molds to Cast the barrs of Gold & Silver at 18^d per pound weight, (viz) 6 Guinea barrs 3 half Guinea barrs 2 Crown barrs

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4: half Crown barrs, 9 shillings barrs & 2 sixpenny barrs	2:	06:	00		
g A Sweep Mill	6:	00:	00		
g Fifty Pound Weight of Quick Silver at 5 ^{sh} per pound	12:	10:	00		
Thirty bushels of bone Ashes for 'tes'ts at 4 ^{sh} per bushel	6:	00:	00		
g Half a dozen of frail brushes for cleaning the barrs of Gold and Silver	—	03:	00	26:	19: 00

For the Monyers

g Two dozen of sizing scales with stands & counterpoises at a 11 ^{sh} : per piece	13:	04:	00		
h. Twenty four dozen of sizeing flotts (if by this name they mean {to} Rasps for sizeing the blanks_ at 1 ^{sh} : per pound weight	40:	00:	00		
g. Five hundred weight of Alums at 18 ^{sh} : or 20 ^{sh} per hundred	05:	00:	00		
g. Two hundred Weight of red Wine Stone or Tartar	03:	00:	00		
g. One dozen of soft brushes	00:	06:	00		
g. One dozen of small scratch brushes for cleaning the Dyes ten for the Monyers & two for the Graver	00:	16:	00	62:	06: 00

For the Graver Engineer & Smith

g. Blistered steel 500 ^{Lwt} : at 4 ^d $\frac{1}{2}$ per pound weight	10:	10:	00		
g A table vice & Files of several sorts, viz Rubers at 1 ^{sh} : per pound weight Smooth Files at about 3 ^{sh} : a file & other Files at 18 ^d : a File	16:	00:	00		
g Two Oyle Stones 20 ^s . Two Grindstones 20 ^s	02:	00:	00	28:	10: 00
Total	169:	12:	08		

Cast Rollers are not to be bought The Man who makes them keep the secret to himself & only Lets the Rollers to the Monyers at 10^{sh}: a day Hammer'd Rollers Costs 6^{li}: a pair, but are not so serviceable. What is meant by a sizeing Mill We are not certain. If it be the Mill for drawing the Barrs of Gold & Silver to a just thickness, such a Mill with 3: hammer'd Rollers in the Late recoinage cost 177£ the Monyers have some of those Mills remaining <139> in their hands which they can afford cheaper. German steel is scarce to be mett with in shopps fitt for the use of the Mint Our smith tends into Germany for it. It Costs from 8^d: to 12^d: or 14^d: per pound weight according to the goodness & scarceity. Its chiefe use is for makeing the Dyes & Puncheons, & We conceive it best to have the money of both Nations made from the same Puncheons For the variety of Impressions makes it more difficult to know good Money & more easy to counterfeit it. What is meant in the Inventory by large scratches half Wier we do not understand, Besides the things above mentiond there should be two Indented Tryal Pieces of Crown Gold & two of standard silver One for makeing the Money of due Allay the other for examining it before delivery. They will Cost the Value of the Gold & Silver contained in them & are to be made by a Iury of Goldsmiths, with four other Tryal Pieces of each sort for England as We mention'd in Our Late Report.

All which is most humbly submitted

to Your Lordships greate Wisdome

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