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To the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England.

May it please your Lordship

In obedience to your Lordships Reference of 23 November last we have enquired into the Case of M^r Antony Redhead late Master & Worker of the Mint at Norwich & find it truly stated in the annexed paper on which the said Reference is endorsed. And particularly by the Daybooks of that Mint & the Cash books of M^r Redhead & his Clerk and another book composed & signed by the Warden of that Mint we find that M^r Redhead upon the breaking up of that Mint was indebted 2497^{li}. 16^s. 3^d to M^r Blofeld for hammered money at 5^s per ounce.

In discharge of this Debt M^r Redhead produces three Receipts for 2500^{li} paid to M^r Blofelds Order out of that Mint, the one dated Aug 26 1697 for 500^{li} the other two dated Aug 30 & Sept 1 1697 for 1000^{li} each. To which M^r Blofeld & his friends answer that whatever summs were paid to him or his Order out of that Mint upon such private Receipts, were intended upon the next accounting to be brought to account & set off upon the Printed {M}int Tickets then payable in course & accordingly were all of them faithfully brought to account as he is ready to make oath. But the Receipts were not always taken up & cancelled as they should have been, the endorsement on the printed Mint Tickets, as they conceived, imploying according to the order & course of the Mint that all summs paid untill the day of the endorsement were then accounted for & set off upon the printed Tickets & thereby all private Receipts of such summs untill that day discharged & made voyd, which made him & his Agents less carefull to take them up. They say also that about three weeks after the date of the said three Receipts viz^t on 22th Sept 1697 M^r Blofeld account with M^r Redhead & endorsed 14922^{li} on two Mint tickets including all summs paid to him untill that time & that is so short a time as three weeks so great a summ as 2500^l could not be forgot & that in December following he accounted again & endorsed 6443^{li}. 13^s. 9^d on two other Mint Tickets including all further summs paid untill that day. By which Accountings & Endorsements the said three Receipts (if they be true ones) being looked upon as discharged they were not mentioned any further by M^r Redhead while that Mint stood nor for a long time after but lay neglected till he thought fit to produce them, as he did also some other Receipts of the same kind which the Importers neglected to take up & cancell, & which are no allowed to be voyd.

In examining this matter we find therefore that [†] M^r Blofeld did endorse 14922^{li} on two Tickets 22 Sept 1697 & 6443^{li} 13^s 9^d mroe on two others in December following as is alleged & ☉ That he <483v> representing

that he then found them amongst his papers. About the same time he found also & produced a Receipt of 1858^{li} left in that Mint by M^r Dashwood another Importer of publick money, but by an Affidavit of M^r Tho. Allen Clerk to the Warden of that Mint made before my Lord Chief Baron Ward on the 3^d of Iuly 1701 & by other circumstances it appears to us that M^r Dashwood did account for that money & neglect to take up & cancell the Receipt, & this is now acknowledged also by M^r Redhead. About the same time he the said M^r Redhead produced also two other Receipts of the aforesaid M^r Blofeld besides the three above mentioned both dated in the same month of August 1697 the one for 500^{li} & the other for 1000^{li}, but by the aforesaid Affidavit of M^r Allen these summs were accounted for upon the same 22th of Sept. 1697 & M^r Redhead insists no further upon them. And the said M^r Allen in the same Affidavit affirms further that he hath heard & believes that M^r Redhead hath another Note of M^r Blofeld for 1000^{li} & believes that M^r Blofeld forgot to take up that Note when he accompted for the money & signed the printed Receipt or Ticket : which Note we take to be one of the three Receipts now produced by M^r Redhead. And M^r Redhead himself affirms nothing further of the said three Receipts then that he found them amongst his papers sometime after that Mint broke up & believes them to be truly signed by one M^r Crowne who was imployed by M^r Demee the Agent of M^r Blofeld They are in the form of private receipts so that without M^r Blofelds consent they cannot be allowed by the Auditors either in M^r Redheads Account or in that of M^r Blofeld which is now passing. And all things being considered we are < insertion from f 848r > humbly of opinion that they have already been accompted for & ought not to be insisted upon any further & M^r Redhead himself does not any longer insist peremptorily upon them but submits them to your Lordships wisdom. < text from f 483v resumes >

We further lay before your Lordship that M^r Redhead at the conclusion of the Mint at Norwich was indebted to one M^r Chaplain a Receiver of the Land Tax for 2573^{oz}. 5^{dwt} of hammered money at 5^s per ounce the summ of 642^{li}. 6^s. 3^d, & that in M^r Chaplains Accompt which is past & declared & Quietus obtained, M^r Redhead is set insuper for this debt at 5^s 8^d per ounce.

The said M^r Redhead was also indebted to M^r Briggs a Receiver of for 3529^{oz} 10^{dwt} of hammered money at 5^s per ounce the summ of 882^{li}. 7^s. 6^d. But the Administrators of the said M^r Briggs have passed his Accompts & obtained a Quietus without charging M^r Redhead with this debt & thence it is presumed that they haev either mislaid or lost M^r Redheads Tickets, & thereby have been dammaged in the said summ 882^{li}. 7^s. 6^d

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⊙ we humbly conceive those endorsements by the course of the Mint to be in full of all moneys paid upon those Thickets, so as to voyd the paid {three} Receipts unless M^r Redhead can positively prove the payment of more money by 2500^{li} upon the two first of those Tickets then was endorsed upon them, which proof is wanting & would infer the crime of undue preference. The Officers of that Mint for preventing misreconings took an account every two or three days & sometimes dayly of all the moneys new coyned & paid away & of what remained in the Treasury, whereby a misreconing of 2500^{li} would soon have been discovered: Whereas

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And whereas in discharge of this debt he produces three Receipts for 2500^{li} paid to M^r Blofelds Order out of that Mint the one dated Aug. 26 1697 for 500^{li} the other two dated Aug 30 & Sept. 1 1697 for 1000^{li} each: we find that M^r Blofeld did within three weeks after, viz^t 22 Sept 1697 account with M^r Redhead for what monies he had then received out of that Mint & endorsed the whole amounting to 14922^{li} on two printed Mint Tickets but neglected to take up & cancell his Receipts of some of them, & we humbly conceive that the said three Receipts were then accounted for & are discharged by the said endorsement & ought not to be insisted on any further and M^r Redhead does not any longer insist peremptorily upon them but submits them to your Lordships Wisdom. They are in the form of private Receipts & so cannot be allowed by an Auditor as Vouchers

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