

Returns an account in which the annual total of £3,500 allowed under the Coinage Acts of 1666 and 1705 for Mint expenditure on fees, salaries, maintenance, repair and equipment has been exceeded.

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Sir

By the Coinage Act of ye 18th. of Car. 2^d. the Fees and salaries of the Officers of the Mint, the charges of Providing maintaining and repairing the houses, Offices and Buildings of the mint and other Necessaries for Assaying, Melting-down & Coyning were not to exceed Three thousand pounds per Annum but that sum not being found sufficient, and the residue of ye mony Arising by ye said Coynage Act being appropriated, a further Provision was made of any sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds per Annum for ye same uses by an Act 4^{to}. & 5^{to}. Annæ; And M^r. Auditor Harley finding that by ye Inclosed Accompts both these sums have been Exceeded in the Articles abovementioned, directs me to send you ye said Accompts, desiring the said Charges may be reduced, as they ought to be, according to ye direction of the saic Acts, I am

Sir

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