

# Two holograph drafts of a report on Brandshagen's and the Hamiltons' expense claims, specifying which of the expenses Newton considers justified.

**Author:** Isaac Newton

**Source:** MINT 19/3/261, 263, National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, UK

---

<261r>

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships Order of Iune 17<sup>th</sup> instant, upon the Petition of D<sup>r</sup> Iustus Brandshagen, directing me to state the accounts of the Doctor & those of Thomas Hamilton & Iames Hamilton in relation to Sir Iohn Ereskins Mine: I humbly represent that by the Warrant of his Royal Highness the Doctor was allowed 60<sup>li</sup> & Iames Hamilton 30<sup>li</sup> to enable the D<sup>r</sup> to provide some things & both of them to go down into Scotland to examin the said Mine; & after their arrival at Edinburgh the Doctor was to be allowed 20<sup>s</sup> per day & Iames Hamilton 10<sup>s</sup> per day by the same Warrant during their stay in Scotland upon the said work, or so long as your Lordships should see cause to pay the said allowances. And that Thomas Hamilton was afterwards by a Warrant of the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury allowed also 30<sup>li</sup> & had a verbal promise, as I am informed, to have the same allowance with his brother of 10<sup>s</sup> per day. And that the two Hamiltons arrived at Edinburgh Sept 14 & the Doctor Octob. 13<sup>th</sup> last, & the Doctor & Tho Hamilton left Edinburgh Feb 19<sup>th</sup> following to return into England, but Iames Hamilton went to Allowa to watch the Mine & see that no O<sup>r</sup>e be dug & carried away.

By the said Warrant therefore the Doctor is to receive 129<sup>li</sup> for 129 days, besides 44<sup>li</sup>. 13<sup>s</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup> paid by him to the two Hamiltons, & besides the charges he hath been at in clearing the Mine of rubbish, & providing iron tools for the labourers & timber to prop & secure the Mine, amounting to {8}<sup>li</sup>. 12<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>; & besides his further charge of fitting up a Laboratory with Furnaces, an Assay Table, Mortars, Sives, Charcoal, Pit-coal, Nitre, & other things necessary for making the Assays, amounting to about 10<sup>li</sup>, & his charge of seven faire copies of the Report on large paper for your Lordships & others concerned & of providing baggs & boxes for the Ore, amounting to 6<sup>li</sup> 8<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>. All which summs amount unto ~ 199<sup>li</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup>, whereof he hath received 150<sup>li</sup>. And so there remains due to him 49<sup>li</sup> 3<sup>s</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup>.

By the same Warrant Iames Hamilton is to receive 79<sup>li</sup> for 158 days, whereof he hath received of the Doctor 21<sup>li</sup>. 13<sup>s</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. And there remains due to him 5{7}<sup>li</sup> 9<sup>s</sup> 9<sup>d</sup>.

And if Tho. Hamilton be allowed equally with his brother (for he went down upon that supposition & was the most serviceable man of the three) there will be 79<sup>li</sup> due to him on that account whereof he hath received of the Dr 23<sup>li</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. And so there will remain due to him 55<sup>li</sup>. 16<sup>s</sup>. 9<sup>d</sup>.

The total due to all three is 162<sup>li</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 00<sup>d</sup>, besides what your Lordships shall think fit to allow to Iames Hamilton for his attendance at the Mine ever since Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> to see that no Ore be dug & caried away, untill he be disch{1}rged.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdom.

[1]

<263r>

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury

May it please your Lordships

In obedience to your Lordships Order of Iune 17<sup>th</sup> instant, upon the Petition of Dr Iustus Brandshagen, directing me to state the accounts of the Doctor & those of Thomas & Iames Hamilton in relation to Sir John Ereskin's Mine: I humbly represent that by the Warrant of his Royal Highness the Doctor was allowed 60<sup>li</sup> & Iames Hamilton 30<sup>li</sup> to enable the Doctor to provide some things in London & both of them to go down into Scotland to view & examin the said Mine; & after their arrival at Edinburgh the Dr was to be allowed 20<sup>s</sup> per day & Iames Hamilton 10<sup>s</sup> per day by the said Warrant during their stay in Scotland upon the said work, or so long as your Lordships should see cause to pay the said allowances. And that Thomas Hamilton was afterwards by a Warrant of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury allowed also 30<sup>li</sup> to go to Scotland with his brother, & had a verbal promise, as I was then informed, to have the same allowance with his brother of 10<sup>s</sup> per day. And that the two Hamilton's arrived at Edinburgh Sept 14<sup>th</sup> & the Doctor Octob. 13<sup>th</sup> last, & the Doctor & Thomas Hamilton left Edinburgh Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> following to return into England, but Iames Hamilton went to Alloua to watch the Mine & see that no Ore be dug & carried away

By the said Warrant therefore the Doctor is to receive 129<sup>li</sup> for 129 days beside 44<sup>li</sup> 13<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> paid by him to the two Hamiltons, & besides the charges he hath been at in clearing the Mine of rubbish, & providing iron tools for the labourers & timber to prop & secure the Mine, amounting to 8<sup>li</sup> 12<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>, & besides his further charge of fitting up a Laboratory with furnaces, an Assay Table, Mortars, Sives, Charcoal, Pitcoal, Nitre & other things necessary for making the Assays, amounting to about 10<sup>li</sup>; & the charge of seven fair copies of the Report on large paper for your Lordships & others concerned, & of providing baggs & boxes for the Ore, amounting to 6<sup>li</sup>. 8<sup>s</sup>. 0<sup>d</sup>. All which summs amount unto 199<sup>li</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 6, whereof he hath received 150<sup>li</sup>. And so there remains due to him 49<sup>li</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 6.

By the same Warrant Iames Hamilton is to receive 79<sup>li</sup> for 158 days, whereof he hath received of the Doctor 21<sup>li</sup> 13<sup>s</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>. And there remains due to him 57<sup>li</sup>. {6}<sup>s</sup> 9<sup>d</sup>.

And if Thomas Hamilton be allowed equally with his brother (for he went down upon that supposition, & was the most serviceable man of the three) there will be 79<sup>li</sup> due to him on that account, whereof he hath received of the Doctor 23<sup>li</sup>. 3<sup>s</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup>, & there remains due to him 55<sup>li</sup>. 16<sup>s</sup>. 9<sup>d</sup>.

The total due to all three is 162<sup>li</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup>. 00<sup>d</sup>, besides what your Lordships shall see fit to allow to James Hamilton for his attendance at the Mine ever since Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> to see that no Ore be dug & caried away untill he be discharged. For which service I conceive that 20<sup>li</sup> may be a sufficient recompence if he be dismiss immediately.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdom.

[2]

Is. Newton

<263v>

Aug 15. 1717. Received then of Sir Isaac Newton the summ of fifty & five pounds, 16<sup>s</sup>, 9<sup>d</sup>, in full discharge of the account mentioned in the Report on the other side of this leafe. I say received the said summ by me } 55.  
16.  
9

ThoHamilton

Aug. 15. 1717. Received of Sir Isaac Newton the summ of fifty & seven pounds six shillings & nine pence in part of the Accounts mentioned in the Report on the other side. I say received the said summ by me } 57.  
6.  
9

James Hamilton

Aug 15. 1717. Received of Sir Isaac Newton the summ of forty pounds & fourteen shillings in part of the Account mentioned on the other side in the Report. I say received the said summ of forty pounds & fourteen shillings by me } 40.  
14.  
0

Iustus Brandshagen

Aug. 31. 1717 Received of Sir Isaac Newton the further summm of fourteen Guineas in part of the twenty pounds to be further allowed me, } 15.  
{1}.  
0

James Hamilton

Octob. 16. 1717 Received of Sir Isaac Newton the further summ of four pounds & nineteen shillings in full of all accounts including 1<sup>li</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> due to M<sup>r</sup> Haldane. I say received 4<sup>li</sup> 19<sup>s</sup> by me } 4<sup>li</sup>.  
19<sup>s</sup>.  
0

James Hamilto{n}

[1] Mint Office  
27 Iune 1717

[2] Mint Office.  
27 Iune. 1717.

---