

ing account. They first beat it well upon Anvils with certain great Hammers, which a Mill continually keeps at work, when they are pretty well reduc'd to Powder, they pass it thro' a fine Sieve, and spread it upon the Ground about half a Foot thick in a square place that is very smooth, prepar'd for the purpose; then they cast a great deal of Water upon it, after which they with a Sieve spread upon it a certain quantity of Quick-silver, which is proportion'd by the Officers of the Mint, and also a Liquid substance of Iron, which is prepar'd by Two Millstones, one of which is fix'd, and the other is continually turning, between these they put an Old Anvil, or some other Massy piece of Iron, which is worn away and Consum'd with Water by the turning Millstone, so that 'tis reduc'd to a certain Liquid Matter. The Oar being thus prepar'd, they stir it about and mix it, as Men do when they make Mortar, for a Fortnight together, every day tempering it with Water; and after this they several times put it into a Tub, wherein there is a little Mill, which by its motion separates from it all the Earth with the Water, and casts 'em off together, so