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At the Council Chamber in Whitehall,
the 24th of September 1696 -

Present

Their Excellencies the Lord Justices in Council

The Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners
of the Treasury having this day represented to
Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council,
that they having furnished new Money at
the respective Mints in the Country, with
directions that it should be applied to
satisfy such person as should bring in
Clift Silver or Plate (according to an late
act of Parliament) after the rate of five
Shillings and eight pence per ounce
(to wit, for clift silver as soon as it is
brough in, and for the Plate as soon as it
could be assayd and reduced to Standard)
and having appointed Persons of good
Credit at the respective Mints to pay the
said rate upon the Taking, weighing,
and actual receipt of the said Monyes,
and upon the receiving, Melting, and
Standarding of the said Plate, and
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to register the Deficiency of the Clift. Money,
 And finding that this provision gives great
 Ease and Satisfaction to the several Counties,
 and that considerable quantities of Clift
 Money and Plate have been already brought
 into the several Mints; it is this day ordered
 by their Excellencies in Council, that the
 said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury
 do take care to furnish the said Persons
 with a further Sum sufficient to exchange
 and pay the recompense for all such
 Clift Silver and Plate as shall be brought
 to them, and which they shall deliver
 in Specie into the several Mints before
 the fourth day of November next. And the
 Lord Commissioners of the Treasury having
 likewise moved their Excellencies (at the
 desire of several Merchants who have con-
 siderable quantities of Gold Bullion, which
 they cannot export by reason of the present
 course of exchange without great loss) that
 Liberty might be given to coin the
 said Gold, they offering to do it at their
 own

own charges, their Excellencies are pleased
 to approve thereof, and to order that the
 said Lords Commissioners do direct the
 Officers of the Mint to receive and coin
 any Gold Bullion that is brought to the
 Mint, after the first day of October next,
 the Proprietors paying the Charge of
 Coinage. And their Excellencies were
 also pleased to direct that this order
 should be published in the Gazette
 (signed) Rich. Colinge