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RETURN to the Resolution of the Honourable the House
OF COMMONS, of the 13th of this Instant;

“ That there be laid before this House, Copies of all Representations made to the Privy Council, complaining of the Want or High Price of COPPER, either by the Merchants, Ship Owners, or Manufacturers.”

Prepared in pursuance of an Address of the House of Commons to His MAJESTY.

COUNCIL - OFFICE, WHITEHALL,
17th March, 1800.

THE Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, have received no written Representation, complaining of the Want or High Price of Copper; except that from the Manufacturers of Birmingham, inserted in the Appendix to the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed to enquire into the State of the Copper Mines and Copper Trade of this Kingdom, p. 147; to which Representation the Manufacturers of Wolverhampton acceded, as appears in p. 148 of the said Report. The Manufacturers of Birmingham deputed Delegates in support of their Representation, who were heard before the Privy Council last Year. The Lords of the Privy Council have received, occasionally, from His Majesty's Naval Department, Accounts of the increasing Price of the Copper, for which they contracted, for sheathing His Majesty's Ships; and lately

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ately a Letter, written by Order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the 7th Instant, inclosing a Letter of the Commissioners of the Navy, of the 5th Instant, which is already ordered to be laid before the House of Commons. And they have received a Letter from the Board of Ordnance to the same Effect, a Copy of which is hereunto annexed.

STEPH. COTTRELL,

One of the Clerks in Ordinary of His Majesty's
most Honourable Privy Council.

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OFFICE OF ORDNANCE,
WESTMINSTER, 15th March 1800.

SIR,

THE Lieutenant-General and Board of Ordnance having, for some Time past, experienced much Difficulty in obtaining a Performance of the Contracts they have entered into, for the Supply of Copper Articles for the Service of the Ordnance Department; the Contractors alledging that, upon account of the great Increase which has taken place at various Times in the Article, they are unable to perform the Conditions of their Agreements: And as His MAJESTY'S Service has, in consequence, sustained not only great Delay in obtaining the Supplies of the Articles alluded to, but also much additional Expence has been incurred to the Public, by making fresh Engagements at higher Prices, his Lordship and the Board feel it their Duty to command me to request you will lay this Request before the Lords of His MAJESTY'S Most Honourable Privy Council, and that you will move their Lordships to consider of the proper Means that should be taken to check in future the Rise in the Price of Copper, so as to relieve His MAJESTY'S Service from the Inconveniencies complained of.

I have the Honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

R. H. CREW.

William Fawkener, Esq;

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