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THE Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly, which His Grace the Lord High Commissioner forwarded to the Secretary of State for Scotland to be laid before The Queen, has been presented accordingly to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

Treasury Chambers.
 22nd May, 1958.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, that, at a Trial of the Pyx begun at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London on the 11th day of March and concluded on the 9th day of May, 1958, the following Verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, viz.:—

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the 11th day of March 1958 before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London, made the following assays and trials of Her Majesty's coins which, according to accounts produced by the officers of the Royal Mint in London, were coined in the said Mint from the 1st day of January 1957 to the 31st day of December 1957, both dates inclusive, in accordance with the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1946 (hereinafter called "the Acts") and were set aside and placed in the pyx of the said Mint as prescribed by regulations made under the Acts.

1. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the officers of the Mint represented the packet to contain.

2. (a) From each of the twenty-one packets of gold coins we took two sovereigns, amounting altogether to forty-two sovereigns.

(b) We weighed separately each of the said sovereigns so taken and we ascertained that it was within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard weight thereby prescribed and we found that such sovereigns were on the whole within such variation, being one thousandth part of an ounce (+0.001) above standard weight.

(c) We then melted such sovereigns into an ingot and assayed such ingot comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold produced by the Board of Trade, and we

found that such ingot was within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard fineness thereby prescribed, the amount of variation from standard fineness being minus twenty-six hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00026).

(d) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of gold coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts, being sixty-one thousandth parts of an ounce (+0.061) above standard weight.

(e) We then took from such residue five sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively the first 123.214 grains, the second 123.388 grains, the third 123.388 grains, the fourth 123.321 grains, and the fifth 123.323 grains, and that therefore the said sovereigns were respectively, the first sixty thousandth parts of a grain (-0.060) below, the second one hundred and fourteen thousandth parts of a grain (+0.114) above, the third one hundred and fourteen thousandth parts of a grain (+0.114) above, the fourth forty-seven thousandth parts of a grain (+0.047) above, and the fifth forty-nine thousandth parts of a grain (+0.049) above standard weight.

(f) We then assayed separately the last mentioned sovereigns and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns respectively to be, the first 916.57, the second 916.57, the third 916.35, the fourth 916.66 and the fifth 916.62, and that therefore the first of such sovereigns was nine hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00009) below, the second was nine hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00009) below, the third was thirty-one hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00031) below standard fineness that the fourth was of standard fineness, and that the fifth was four hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00004) below standard fineness.

3. (a) We found that the silver coins in the said pyx weighed in all not more than twelve ounces troy.

(b) We weighed in bulk such silver coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard weight hereby prescribed, being two thousandth parts of an ounce (+0.002) above standard weight.

(c) We then assayed such silver coins comparing them with the silver trial plate produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard fineness thereby prescribed the amount of variation from standard fineness being plus seven ten-thousandth parts (+0.0007).

4. (a) We found that the cupro-nickel coins in the said pyx weighed in all more than twelve ounces troy and we