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By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For giving Currency to a new Coinage of Copper  
Money of One Penny and Two Penny Pieces.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS in consequence of the unanimous Address of Our Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, praying that We would be graciously pleased to give Directions that Measures might be taken for an immediate Supply of such Copper Coinage as might be best adapted to the Payment of the Laborious Poor in the present Exigency; We have thought fit to order, that certain Pieces of Copper should be coined, which should go and pass for One Penny and Two Pennies, and that each of such Pieces of One Penny should weigh One Ounce Avoirdupois, and that each of such Two Penny Pieces should weigh Two Ounces Avoirdupois; the intrinsic Value of such Pieces of One Penny and Two Pennies, Workmanship included, corresponding as nearly as possible with the nominal Value of the same respectively; every such Piece having, on one Side thereof, Our Effigies or Portraiture, with Our Name or Title, and on the Reverse, the Figure of Britannia, represented sitting on a Rock in the Sea, holding a Trident in her Left Hand, and a Branch of Olive in her Right Hand, with the Year of our Lord.—And whereas Penny and Two Penny Pieces of Copper, of the Weight and Description aforesaid, have been coined, and will be soon ready for Delivery, according to the Orders which We have given for that Purpose: We have therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare and command, that the said Pieces of Copper Money, so coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful Money of

Our said Kingdom; that is to say, such Penny Pieces as of the Value of One Penny, and such Two Penny Pieces as of the Value of Two Pennies, in all Payments and Transactions of Money; provided that no Person shall be obliged to take more of such Copper Money in any one Payment, than shall be of the Value of One Shilling, after the Rate aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-sixth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

*Address of His Majesty's Consul and the Members of the British Factory at Leghorn to the Honourable William Frederick Wyndham, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Florence, published at the Request of the Factory.*

S I R,  
Leghorn, July 4, 1797.  
**W**E, the Consul and Members of the British Factory of Leghorn, being returned to our Place of Residence, and for the first Time legally assembled, embrace with Pleasure the earliest Opportunity to express our grateful Acknowledgments to you, Sir, for the kind Concern you have ever been pleased to shew towards our Welfare and Prosperity. But we feel ourselves more particularly called upon to mark our Gratitude for the Zeal and Activity you displayed last Year in discovering and communicating to us the execrable Intentions of the French Army to violate the Neutrality of Tuscany, and seize upon the Property, as well of the English Nation as of the English Individuals in this Place. To your Advice, Sir, and to that alone, is due the Merit of saving all the English Merchantmen in our Port, besides the Property embarked on these and other Vessels, making in all a Convoy of Forty-nine Sail; that departed from hence for Corsica on the 27th of June last Year: And had it not been for a Notification of the