

“ to regulate the currency of the gold and silver “ coin of this realm,” the Master and Worker of His Majesty’s Mint, in London, was authorised and empowered to coin, or cause to be coined, silver bullion into silver coins, consisting of crowns, half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences, of the standard of eleven ounces and two penny weights of fine silver, and eighteen penny weights alloy to the pound troy, and in weight after the rate of sixty-six shillings to the pound troy :

And whereas, in virtue of the powers so given, a coinage of half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences, at the rate of sixty-six shillings to the pound troy, and of the standard of fineness above-mentioned; every such half-crown piece having for the obverse impression the head of His Majesty, with the inscription “ Georgius III. Dei Gratia,” and the date of the year; and for the reverse, the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom, contained in a shield surrounded by the Garter, bearing the motto “ Honi soit qui mal y pense,” and the collar of the Garter, with the inscription “ Britanniarum Rex Fid. Def.” with a newly invented graining on the edge of the piece; every such shilling and six penny piece having for the obverse impression the head of His Majesty, with the inscription “ Geor. III. D. G. Britt. Rex, F. D.” and the date of the year, and for the reverse, the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom, contained in a shield surrounded by the Garter, bearing the motto “ Honi soit qui mal y pense,” with a newly invented graining on the edge of the piece, has been completed, part of which has been delivered for the use of His Majesty’s subjects, and the remainder thereof is now ready to be delivered for the use of His Majesty’s subjects; We have therefore, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty’s Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of silver money shall, from and after the day of the date of this Our Proclamation, be current and lawful money of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the said kingdom; that is to say, such half-crown pieces as of the value of two shillings and six pence; such shilling pieces as of the value of one shilling; and such six penny pieces as of the value of six pence, in all payments and transactions of money.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty’s reign.

GOD save the KING.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty’s reign, intituled “ An Act to provide for a new silver coinage, and “ to regulate the currency of the gold and silver “ coin of this realm;” and whereas in pursuance of the said Act, great quantities of new silver coin have been delivered in exchange for old silver coin, current before the passing of the said Act, and further quantities are now ready to be delivered for the use of His Majesty’s subjects, and it has been represented to us that some old silver coin may still remain in circulation, and we have thought it expedient that no such old silver coin of this realm should continue to be current in payment at any time after the date of this Proclamation; We have therefore, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty’s Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Proclamation: and we do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that no piece or pieces of old silver coin of this realm, current at any time before the passing of the said Act, shall pass or be current in any payment whatsoever, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at any time after the date of this Proclamation: and We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all and every person or persons whomsoever, from and after the date of this Proclamation, to receive or utter in payment any piece or pieces of the said old silver coin: and We do hereby strictly require and command all His Majesty’s loving subjects strictly to conform to the orders hereby given, and to the directions and regulations enacted and required by the said Act of Parliament with respect to the cutting, breaking, or defacing of all such pieces of the said old silver coin as shall be of less value than the denominations thereof shall respectively import: and We being desirous as much as in Us lies to give ease to His Majesty’s subjects, and to prevent their sustaining any loss or inconvenience on account of the currency of old silver coin, being prohibited as aforesaid, do hereby, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, authorise, command, and require the officers of His Majesty’s Mint, for the space of three calendar months after the date of this Proclamation, to receive by tale only all such old silver coin of the realm, current at any time before the passing of the said Act, which shall be brought by any person or persons whomsoever into His Majesty’s Mint, or to any place to be appointed for that purpose by the Master and Worker of His Majesty’s Mint, and which shall be of or above the several weights following, that is to say, all crown pieces which shall be of or above the weight of eighteen pennyweights, four grains, troy; all half-crown pieces which shall be of or above the weight of nine penny weights, two grains, troy; all shillings which shall be of or above the weight of three pennyweights, fifteen grains, troy; and all sixpenny pieces which shall be of or above the weight of one pennyweight, nineteen grains, troy; and to deliver out of the said Mint to every person bringing in and delivering such old silver coins, a sum in new silver coins equal to the amount of the silver coins so brought by any such person or persons as aforesaid, according to the respective denominations of such silver coins.