

powered to coin silver bullion into silver coins, consisting of crowns, half crowns, shillings, and sixpences, of the standard of eleven ounces and two pennyweights of fine silver and eighteen pennyweights of 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 power so given, a coinage of crowns or five shilling pieces, half crowns or pieces of the value of two shillings and sixpence each, at the rate and of the standard aforesaid, has been made, as well as a coinage of copper pieces, called respectively pence, half pence, and farthings: and whereas We have further ordered that such double sovereigns shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Gulielmus III, D. G. Britanniarum Rex F. D." and for the reverse the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a shield, encircled by the collar of the Order of the Garter, mantled and surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the date of the year, and upon the edge of the piece the words "Decus et Tutamen," and the year of Our reign; and that every such gold sovereign and every such half sovereign so ordered to be coined, shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the same inscription and date, and for the reverse the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a shield, plain, with the date of the year, and a graining on the edge of the piece; and every such crown has for the obverse and reverse impressions the same effigy, inscriptions, and dates as are hereby ordered for each double sovereign; and every such half crown has for the obverse and reverse impressions the same effigy, inscriptions, dates, and graining as are hereby ordered for each sovereign; and every such shilling has for the obverse impression the same effigy, inscription, and date, and for the reverse the words "one shilling," placed in the centre of the piece, within a wreath, having an olive branch on one side, and an oak branch on the other; and the sixpences have the same obverse and reverse impressions as those upon the shilling, except the word "sixpence," instead of the words "one shilling:" and We have also thought fit to order that each of the said penny pieces, half penny pieces, and farthings shall have the same obverse impression, effigy, inscription, and date, and for the reverse the figure of Britannia: and whereas pieces of money of all the above descriptions have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders issued by Us, We have therefore, by and 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 money so coined, and to be coined, shall be current and lawful money of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall be called by the several names, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the Kingdom, at the several values hereinbefore assigned to them, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at our Court at St. James's, this thirteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

Westminster, July 30, 1831.

**T**HIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to repeal so much of certain Acts as requires certain oaths to be taken by Members of the House of Commons, before the Lord Steward or his deputies.

An Act to reduce the salary of the Master and Worker of His Majesty's Mint.

An Act to continue compositions for assessed taxes until the fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and to grant relief in certain cases.

An Act to suspend, until the end of the next session of Parliament, the making of the lists, and the ballots and enrolments for the militia of the United Kingdom.

An Act to abolish certain oaths and affirmations taken and made in the Customs and Excise departments of His Majesty's revenue, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof.

An Act to enable His Majesty to make leases, copies, and grants of offices, lands, and hereditaments parcel of the duchy of Cornwall, or annexed to the same.

An Act for continuing, until the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, the several Acts for regulating the turnpike roads in Great Britain, which will expire at the end of the present session of Parliament.

An Act for better raising and securing the fund established for making provision for the widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in Scotland.

An Act to amend an Act for vesting and securing to John Stephen Langton, Esq. certain profits and emoluments for a limited time.

An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, for regulating the conversion of the statute labour within the barony of Gorbals, in the city of Glasgow, and county of Lanark.

An Act to amend certain Acts, passed in the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, for opening a street from the Cross of Glasgow to Monteth-row.

An Act to enable the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Company to sue and be sued in the name of their Secretary, or of any one of the Directors of the said Company.

An Act for erecting and maintaining a bridge over the river Lagan, at Belfast, and for making suitable approaches thereto.