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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1854.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *December*, 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for allowing gold wares to be manufactured at a lower standard than that now allowed by law, and to amend the law relating to the assaying of gold and silver wares," it was enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders to be from time to time made, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that any gold vessel, plate, or manufacture of gold, might be wrought of any standard not being less than one third part in the whole of fine gold, to be declared in any such Order; and also to approve thereby of the instrument with which gold vessels, plate, and manufactures of gold should be marked or stamped, setting forth in figures the actual fineness thereof, according to the standard so declared.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and doth hereby order and declare, that, from and after the day of the publication hereof in the *London Gazette*, any gold vessel, plate, or manufacture of gold may be wrought of any of the several standards herein-after mentioned; that is to say:

I. The standard of fifteen carats of fine gold in every pound weight troy.

II. The standard of twelve carats of fine gold in every pound weight troy.

III. The standard of nine carats of fine gold in every pound weight troy.

And Her Majesty, in further exercise of the powers so vested in Her as aforesaid, and by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve, of the three several dies or instruments particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, as and for the instruments with which gold vessels, plate, and manufactures of gold of the several standards hereby authorised shall be marked or stamped, for the purpose of denoting and setting forth in figures the actual fineness thereof according to such standards respectively, in addition to the mark of the worker

or maker thereof, and (in the case of gold vessels, plate, and manufactures of gold marked by the Company of Goldsmiths, in London,) the leopard's head and the distinct variable mark or letter to denote the year in which such plate is made, and (in the case of gold vessels, plate, and manufactures of gold marked elsewhere,) the marks appointed to be used by the Assayers, or the several companies of goldsmiths or guardians, at the places where the same are marked.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO BY THE FOREGOING ORDER.

1. Instrument for making the standard of 15 carats;
A die for stamping the figures 15 and the decimal mark $\cdot 625$.
2. Instrument for marking the standard of 12 carats;
A die for stamping the figures 12 and the decimal mark $\cdot 5$.
3. Instrument for marking the standard of nine carats;
A die for stamping the figure 9 and the decimal mark $\cdot 375$.

Crown-Office, December 20, 1854.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Gloucester.

Eastern Division.

Robert Stayner Holford, Esq., in the room of Sir Michael Hicks Hicks Beach, Bart., deceased.

Borough of Marylebone.

Hugh Fortescue, Esq., commonly called Viscount Ebrington, in the room of Dudley Coutts Stuart, Esq., commonly called Lord Dudley Coutts Stuart, deceased.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 21, 1854.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and