

tively; and in order to identify this certificate with the aforesaid trial plates to which it relates we have stamped the said respective trial plates on each part from which an assay piece was taken by us with the impression hereunto affixed from the die now in use at Goldsmiths' Hall, London, as the mark of the Goldsmiths' Company of London, videlicet, a leopard's head. And we have delivered the said trial plates to the said Warden of the Standards. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Goldsmith's Hall, London, this 22nd day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Stamp of Leopard's Head.	<i>George Mathey.</i> <i>Henry Mathey.</i> <i>Henry Pizey.</i> <i>F. W. Harrold.</i>	Stamp of Leopard's Head.
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The standard fineness of the trial plate of standard gold recited in this certificate is equivalent to the proportion of eleven-twelfths fine gold and one-twelfth alloy, or millesimal fineness 916.66; and the standard fineness of the trial plate of standard silver is equivalent to the proportion of thirty-seven fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, or millesimal fineness 925; as shown in the first schedule to "The Coinage Act, 1870."

The standard trial plates and supplementary trial plates of pure gold and pure silver, so verified, having been delivered into the custody of the Warden of the Standards, the trial plates of standard gold and of pure gold have each been divided into 12 indented pieces, and the trial plates of standard silver and of pure silver have been in like manner divided into 15 indented pieces. Each of these pieces has been marked with a number, commencing with No. 1 in each series, and has been stamped with the Mint half sovereign die, 1873, bearing the Sovereign's head, as the Mint mark, and with a die of similar size, bearing the inscription "Standards Department, Board of Trade," around the verification mark of the department, a crown with the Sovereign's initials, and a portucullis, as the mark of the Standards Department. Each piece also bears an engraved inscription, denoting its metal and fineness & 33 Vict., c. 10. Pieces of these new trial plates have been distributed for assay purposes,

To the Royal Mint,  
Indian and Australian Mints,  
Goldsmiths' Company, London,  
Provincial Assay Offices in Great  
Britain,

and the remaining pieces of the standard trial plates of gold and silver now in the custody of the Warden of the Standards constitute the standard trial plates henceforth to be used at the annual trials of the pyx (together with the remaining pieces of the supplementary plates of pure gold and pure silver) for determining the justness of the gold and silver coins of the realm issued from the Mint, in pursuance of s. 12 of the said Coinage Act, 1870, 33 Vict., c. 10.

*H. W. Chisholm*, Warden of the Standards.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, do hereby grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the vicarage of Saint Peter, Hixon, in the county of Stafford, and in the diocese of Lichfield, one capital sum of eight hundred pounds

sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of enlarging and improving the parsonage or house of residence belonging to the said vicarage, according to plans and a specification approved or to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands at interest after the rate of three pounds per centum per annum, and such interest to be paid to the Incumbent for the time being of the said vicarage of Saint Peter, Hixon.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

(L.S.)

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of certain benefactions, consisting respectively of two roods and fourteen perches of land, with the messuage or dwelling-house thereon, of certain annual tithe commutation rent-charges, amounting to thirty-four pounds and nine pence, and of certain further annual tithe commutation rent-charges amounting to fifty-six pounds twelve shillings and nine pence, the whole of which benefactions have been permanently secured to the vicarage or benefice of Freckleton, in the county of Lancaster, and in the diocese of Manchester, do hereby, in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the said vicarage or benefice of Freckleton, to meet such benefactions, one capital sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds sterling, to be applicable towards purchasing for the benefit of the said vicarage or benefice, and as an addition to the permanent endowment thereof, certain annual tithe commutation rent-charges, to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands at interest after the rate of three pounds per centum per annum, and such interest to be paid to the Incumbent for the time being of the said vicarage or benefice of Freckleton.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

(L.S.)

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, do hereby grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the vicarage of the Holy Trinity, Hounslow, in the county of Middlesex, and in the diocese of London, one capital sum of five hundred pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of enlarging and improving the parsonage or house of residence belonging to the said vicarage, according to plans and a specification approved or to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands at interest after the rate of three pounds per centum per annum, and such interest to be paid to the Incumbent for the time being of the said vicarage of the Holy Trinity, Hounslow.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

(L.S.)