

We found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus one thousandth of an ounce (—001 oz.) on the whole of such coins. We then melted the said Gold coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Gold Trial Plate produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Act, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the Standard of Fineness specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was plus three ten thousandths (or +0003), and that, therefore, the said metal was within the prescribed remedy as to fineness. We weighed the residue of the said Gold coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight. We then took from such residue sixteen Sovereigns, and four Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first 123·277 grains, the second, 123·107 grains, the third, 123·325 grains, the fourth, 123·270 grains, the fifth, 123·327 grains, the sixth, 123·277 grains, the seventh, 123·277 grains, the eighth, 123·227 grains, the ninth, 123·277 grains, the tenth, 123·272 grains, the eleventh 123·307 grains, the twelfth, 123·227 grains, the thirteenth, 123·277 grains, the fourteenth, 123·277 grains, the fifteenth, 123·270 grains, and the sixteenth, 123·270 grains, and that such Half-Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 61·620 grains, the second, 61·640 grains, the third, 61·640 grains, and the fourth, 61·610 grains. We then assayed the said sixteen Sovereigns and four Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·90, the second, 916·96, the third, 916·80, the fourth, 916·90, the fifth, 916·86, the sixth, 916·86, the seventh, 916·90, the eighth, 916·86, the ninth, 916·90, the tenth, 917·06, the eleventh, 916·60, the twelfth, 916·76, the thirteenth, 916·66, the fourteenth, 916·86, the fifteenth, 916·90, and the sixteenth, 916·76 respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be, the first, 916·60, the second, 916·70, the third, 916·70, and the fourth, 916·60, respectively.

Dated the third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one.

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*R. Williams.*

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*Lord Chancellor's Office, August, 8, 1901.*

#### RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

THE following Draft Rules are published pursuant to the Rules Publication Act:—

DRAFT RULES for the amalgamation of the Taxing Departments of the Supreme Court with a view to uniformity in the taxation of costs.

General Rules pursuant to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879, and the Judicature Acts, 1873 to 1899.

1. There shall be amalgamated with the Central Office the following Offices, namely:—

The Chancery Taxing Office.

The Bankruptcy Taxing Office.

The Taxing Department of the Office of the Masters in Lunacy.

The Taxing Department of the Office of the Registrar in Companies Winding-up.

2. There shall be transferred to the Central Office—

(a.) The existing Chancery Taxing Masters and the existing Bankruptcy Taxing Master with their respective clerks and messengers or the clerks and messengers employed in their respective offices.

(b.) The existing clerks in the Taxing Department of the Office of the Masters in Lunacy.

3. Clause 4 of the Scheme to Order 61, Rule 1, shall be read as if words "in the Queen's Bench Division except such costs as have heretofore been taxed in the Queen's Remembrancer's Office or the Crown Office," were omitted therefrom.

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4. Order V, Rule 6, shall be read as if the word "except" were inserted therein in lieu of the word "including."

5. Order 54, Rule 9A, shall be read as if the words "of the same Division of the High Court" were omitted therefrom.

6. The following paragraph shall be added at the end of Order 65, Rule 2:—

And an order giving a party costs except so far as they have been occasioned or incurred by or relate to some particular issue or part of his proceedings shall be read and construed as excluding only the amount by which the costs have been increased by such issue or proceedings.

7. Order 65, Rule 18, is hereby annulled and the following Rule is substituted therefor:—

The Lord Chancellor may by order from time to time direct that the taxation of costs in any particular class of business to be specified in the Order shall be referred to one or more Taxing Masters or Taxing Officers to be named or described in such Order, but subject to any such direction the business of the Taxing Department of the Central Office of the Supreme Court shall be regulated and distributed by the Taxing Masters in such manner and order as the Taxing Masters may deem expedient. Provided that in any case where there shall have been any former taxation in the same cause or matter or in any summons under Order LV, Rules 3 or 4 relating to the same estate or trust, the taxation shall go to the Taxing Master before whom such former taxation took place.

7A. Order LXV, Rule 23, shall be read as if instead of the words "In interlocutory applications" the words "In any case" were inserted.

8. Regulation 17 of Order 65, Rule 27, is hereby annulled, and the following Regulation is substituted therefor:—

The costs of inspection of documents shall be in the discretion of the Taxing Master, but no allowance is to be made for any inspection unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Taxing Master that there were good and sufficient reasons for making such inspection.

8A. The Taxing Officers of the Supreme Court or of any division thereof shall have power and authority to make one or more interim certificate or certificates, allocatur or allocatures in any taxation for any portion or portions of the taxed costs directed to be taxed, without waiting until a certificate for the full amount can be made.

9. Regulation 29 of Order LXV, Rule 27, is hereby annulled and the following Regulation is substituted therefor:—

On every taxation the Taxing Master shall allow all such costs, charges, and expenses as shall appear to him to have been necessary or proper for the