

of the Mint, were coined in the said Mint from the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three, to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins, both of gold and silver, in each packet produced to us, corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain; and we took a coin or coins from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to one hundred and forty-two Sovereigns or Twenty-shilling pieces, and to twenty-four Half-Sovereigns or Ten-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. 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 four hundred-thousandths (or $+00004$), 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 eight Sovereigns, and three Half-Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 123·172 grains, the second, 123·406 grains, the third, 123·175 grains, the fourth, 123·233 grains, the fifth, 123·317 grains, the sixth, 123·257 grains, the seventh, 123·208 grains, and the eighth, 123·212 grains, and that such Half-Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 61·637 grains, the second, 61·667 grains, the third, 61·580 grains. We then assayed the said eight Sovereigns, and three Half-Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·96, the second, 916·90, the third, 916·80, the fourth, 916·76, the fifth, 916·80, the sixth, 916·70, the seventh, 916·86, and the eighth 916·80, respectively, and the millesimal fineness of such Half-Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916·56, the second, 916·70, the third, 916·70, respectively. We also took two coins from each of such packets of Silver coins, making altogether two Half-Crowns, thirty-eight Florins, eighteen Shillings, twenty-four Sixpences, two Fourpences, forty-six Threepences, two Twopences, and two Pennies, and weighed each of the said Silver coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy prescribed in the said First Schedule to the said Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the said Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the Standard 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 Silver coins, so taken out and weighed, into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Silver 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 from the Standard of Fineness specified

in the said First Schedule to the said Act was minus 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 Silver coins in bulk, and we ascertained that they were within the remedy as to Weight. We then took from such residue one Half-Crown, one Florin, one Shilling, one Sixpence, and one Threepence, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Half-Crown weighed 217·699 grains, that such Florin weighed 173·927 grains, that such Shilling weighed 86·805 grains, that such Sixpence weighed 43·565 grains, and that such Threepence weighed 21·878 grains. We then assayed the said Half-Crown, the said Florin, the said Shilling, the said Sixpence, and the said Threepence separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Half-Crown to be 925·5, of such Florin to be 924·6, of such Shilling to be 925·8, of such Sixpence to be 924·9, and of such Threepence to be 926·7. —Dated the sixth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and four.

G. Matthey, Foreman.
Wm. Trotter.
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Dunboyme, King's Remembrancer.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE MELBOURNE MINT.

VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, have made the Assays and Trials of His Majesty's Gold coins in the Pyx of the Branch Mint at Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three, to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and four, both days inclusive. We ascertained that the number of coins in each packet produced to us corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to ninety-six Sovereigns or Twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight prescribed in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, as amended by the Coinage Act, 1891. We found that the amount of variation from the Standard of Weight specified in the said First Schedule to the said Act was plus 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