

## TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE SYDNEY MINT.

## VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn this sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and five, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall, in the City of London, have made the Assays and Trials of His Majesty's Gold and Silver coins in the Pyx of the Branch Mint at Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, 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 four, to the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and five, 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 two coins from each of such packets of Gold coins, amounting altogether to one hundred and twenty-four Sovereigns, or Twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed each of the said coins separately, so as to ascertain whether 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 two-thousandths of an ounce ( $-.002$  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 fourteen hundred-thousandths (or  $+00014$ ), 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 twelve Sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such Sovereigns weighed respectively,—the first, 123.319 grains, the second, 123.378 grains, the third, 123.168 grains, the fourth, 123.154 grains, the fifth, 123.429 grains, the sixth, 123.106 grains, the seventh, 123.376 grains, the eighth, 123.124 grains, the ninth, 123.171 grains, the tenth, 123.397 grains, the eleventh, 123.247 grains, and the twelfth, 123.206 grains. We then assayed the said twelve Sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such Sovereigns to be,—the first, 916.76, the second, 916.70, the third, 916.70, the fourth, 916.66, the fifth, 916.66, the sixth, 916.70, the seventh, 916.80, the eighth, 916.70, the ninth, 916.60, the tenth, 916.76, the eleventh, 916.90, and the twelfth, 916.90, respectively.—Dated the fifth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and five.

*G. Matthey, Foreman.*

*Wm. Trotter.*

*R. Williams.*

*John B. Currington.*

*Henry F. Bowles.*

*Frank Eady.*

*Harrowby.*

*Chas. H. Townley.*

*Alfred Baldwin.*

*H. C. Lambert.*

*H. W. Robinson.*

*Geo. H. Pite.*

*Dunboync, King's Remembrancer.*

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of a benefaction consisting of a piece or parcel of land comprising one rood and nine poles, or thereabouts, which has by deed, dated the eighth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five, been permanently secured as a site for a parsonage or house of residence for the consolidated chapelry and benefice (hereinafter called the benefice) of Saint Peter, Arkley, in the county of Hertford, and in the diocese of Saint Albans, and in consideration also of a further benefaction of five hundred and fifty pounds which has been paid to us in favour of the same benefice, and in respect of which we have agreed to pay to the Incumbent of the said benefice, and to his successors, a yearly sum of sixteen pounds and ten shillings, do hereby, in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, grant out of our common fund to the said benefice of Saint Peter, Arkley, to meet the aforesaid benefactions, one capital sum of seven hundred pounds, in respect of which, so long as the same capital sum, or any part thereof, shall remain in our hands, there shall be paid by us to the Incumbent for the time being of the said benefice one yearly sum of twenty-one pounds or such part thereof as shall be proportionate to any balance of the same capital sum which shall so remain in our hands; the above-mentioned yearly payments to commence as from the eighth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five, and to be receivable in equal quarterly portions on the first day of February, the first day of May, the first day of August, and on the first day of November in each and every year.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this thirteenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

(L.S.)

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of a benefaction of six hundred pounds sterling which has been paid to us in favour of the district chapelry and benefice (hereinafter called the benefice) of Saint Mark, Barnet Vale, in the county of Hertford, and in the diocese of Saint Albans, and in respect of which we have agreed to pay to the Incumbent of the same benefice, and to his successors, a yearly sum of eighteen pounds, do hereby, in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, grant out of our common fund to the said benefice of Saint Mark, Barnet Vale, to meet such benefaction, one other capital sum of six hundred pounds, in respect of which so long as the same capital sum, or any part thereof, shall remain in our hands, there shall be paid by us to the Incumbent for the time being of the said benefice one other yearly sum of eighteen pounds, or such part thereof as shall be proportionate to any balance of the same capital sum which shall so remain in our hands; the above-mentioned yearly payments to commence as from the third day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five, and to be receivable in equal quarterly portions on the first day of February, the first of May, the first day of August, and on the first day of November in each and every year.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this thirteenth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five.

(L.S.)