

standard weight so allowed. We then assayed separately the coins in the pound troy so taken for assay, comparing them with the standard Trial Plate made of pure silver (as prescribed by the Coinage Act 1920) produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal of the said coins was on the whole within the remedy as to fineness prescribed by the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920, and we found that the amount of variation from the standard fineness so prescribed was plus nine ten-thousandths (+0009) on the whole of the coins in such pound, and that, therefore, the said pound troy of silver coins weighed and assayed as aforesaid was, on the whole, within the variation from fineness allowed under the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920. We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the said packets of silver coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the remedy as to weight allowed under the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920, being two hundred and forty-three thousandths of an ounce (+243) above the standard weight prescribed by the said Acts.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1928.

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 The King's Remembrancer.

#### TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE PRETORIA BRANCH MINT.

##### VERDICT.

WE, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the sixth day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, 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 Pretoria, in the Union of South Africa, which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Branch Mint from the 1st day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven to the 31st day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, both days inclusive. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took out 1 coin from each of such packets of gold coins, amounting altogether to 164 sovereigns or twenty-shilling pieces, and we weighed separately each of the coins so taken out, and ascertained that they were within the remedy as to weight pre-

scribed by the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920. We found that the amount of variation from the standard weight so prescribed was plus six thousandths of an ounce (+006) on the whole of such coins. We then melted all the said coins so taken out and separately weighed into an ingot, and assayed such ingot, comparing it with the standard Trial Plate of gold produced by the Board of Trade, so as to ascertain whether the metal of the said ingot was within the remedy as to fineness prescribed as aforesaid, and we found that the amount of variation thereof from the standard fineness so prescribed was minus three hundred-thousandths (or -00003), and that therefore the said metal was within the remedy as to fineness allowed under the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920. We weighed in bulk the residue of the said coins remaining in the said packets of gold coins, and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920, being one hundred and thirty-six thousandths of an ounce (+136) above the standard weight prescribed by the said Acts. We then took from such residue six sovereigns, and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively, the first 123.276 grains, the second 123.428 grains, the third 123.314 grains, the fourth 123.415 grains, the fifth 123.259 grains, the sixth 123.284 grains, and that therefore the said coins were respectively, the first two thousandths of a grain above (+002), the second one hundred and fifty-four thousandths of a grain above (+154), the third forty thousandths of a grain above (+040), the fourth one hundred and forty-one thousandths of a grain above (+141), the fifth fifteen thousandths of a grain below (-015), the sixth ten thousandths of a grain above (+010) the standard weight prescribed by the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920. We then assayed the six sovereigns separately, and we found the millesimal fineness of such sovereigns to be, the first 916.70, the second 916.55, the third 916.87, the fourth 916.65, the fifth 916.72, the sixth 916.75 respectively, and that therefore the said sovereigns were respectively, the first four hundred-thousandths above (+00004), the second eleven hundred-thousandths below (-00011), the third twenty-one hundred-thousandths above (+00021), the fourth one hundred-thousandths below (-00001), the fifth six hundred-thousandths above (+00006), the sixth nine hundred-thousandths above (+00009) the standard fineness so prescribed.

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