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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

DETERMINING NEW DESIGNS FOR SILVER, CUPRO-NICKEL, MIXED METAL AND BRONZE COINS.

GEORGE R.

Whereas by Our Proclamation dated the twenty-second day of June, 1948, We did appoint and declare that, so far as conveniently may be, on all occasions and in all instruments wherein Our Style and Titles are used, in the Latin tongue, the words "Indiæ Imperator", and, in the English tongue, the words "Emperor of India" shall be omitted:

And whereas under section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council from time to time by Proclamation to determine the design for any coin:

And whereas it appears to Us desirable to determine new designs accordingly for the coins hereinafter specified, being certain of the silver and bronze coins mentioned in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, and of the cupro-nickel coins mentioned in the Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1946, and the coin of mixed metal mentioned in Our Proclamation dated the eighteenth day of March, 1937:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said section eleven and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

1. The designs for the said cupro-nickel, silver and bronze coins and the said coin of mixed metal shall be as follows:—

CUPRO-NICKEL COINS.

Half-Crown.—Every half-crown shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX", and for the reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a Shield having on each side the initial letter of Our Name in duplicate and interlaced surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the inscription "FID . DEF.", together with the words "HALF CROWN", and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

Florin.—Every florin shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse a Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, surmounted by a Crown; and the letters "G" and "R" below; with the inscription "FID : DEF.:", together with the words "TWO SHILLINGS" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

Shilling.—Every shilling shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse either

- (a) Our Royal Crest of England, or
- (b) Our Royal Crest of Scotland,

with the inscription "FID . DEF." together with the words "ONE SHILLING" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

Sixpence.—Every sixpence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse Our Royal Cipher surmounted by a Crown, with the inscription "FID DEF." together with the word "SIX-PENCE" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

SILVER COINS.

The King's Maundy Monies.—Every Maundy silver fourpence, threepence, twopence and penny shall have for the obverse impression Our aforesaid effigy, with the inscription "GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX FIDEI DEF." and for the reverse the respective figures "4", "3", "2", "1" (according to the denomination or value of the piece), in the centre, with the date of the year placed across the figure, and encircled with an oak wreath surmounted by the Royal Crown. The coins shall have a plain edge.

COIN OF MIXED METAL.

Threepence.—Every threepence of mixed metal shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX FIDEI DEF." and for the reverse impression a representation of the Plant commonly known as "Thrift", together with the words "THREE PENCE" and the date of the year. The coin shall have an edge having twelve sides.

BRONZE COINS.

Penny.—Every penny shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "GEORGIUS VI D : G : BR : OMN : REX FIDEI DEF." and for the reverse impression the figure of Britannia seated on a rock surrounded by the sea, her right hand holding a shield which rests against the rock, while in her left hand she grasps a trident, with a Lighthouse in the distance; and the words "ONE PENNY", with the date of the year. The coin shall have a plain edge.

Half-penny.—Every half-penny shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the penny, and for the reverse the representation of a sailing ship, and the words "HALF PENNY" with the date of the year. The coin shall have a plain edge.

Farthing.—Every farthing shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the penny, and for the reverse the representation of a Wren, and the word "FARTHING" with the date of the year. The coin shall have a plain edge.

2. This Proclamation shall come into force on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace this Twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and in the Thirteenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.