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Treasury Chambers, S.W.1

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1933, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz:—

The Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1954, which exempts goods which constitute, or form part of the equipment or machinery of, a ship, boat or vessel of eighty gross tons or over which is not to be broken up from the charge to silk duty which might otherwise be payable on their importation into the United Kingdom.

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The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz:—

The Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1954, which exempts ships, boats or vessels of eighty gross tons or over and their equipment and machinery from the ten per cent. general ad valorem duty which might otherwise be payable on their importation into the United Kingdom.

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Treasury Chambers, Great George Street, London, S.W.1.

26th May, 1954.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, that, at a Trial of the Pyx begun at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London on the 10th day of March and concluded on the 13th day of May, 1954, the following Verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, viz:—

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE LONDON MINT. VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the 10th day of March, 1954, before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London, made the following assays and trials of Her Majesty's coins which, according to accounts produced by the officers of the Royal Mint in London were coined in the said Mint from the 3rd day of December, 1952, to the 31st day of

December, 1953, both dates inclusive, in accordance with the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1946 (hereinafter called "the Acts") and were set aside and placed in the pyx of the said Mint as prescribed by regulations made under the Acts.

1. 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 the packet to contain.

2. We found no gold coins in the said pyx.

3.—(a) We found that the silver coins therein weighed in all not more than twelve ounces troy.

(b) We weighed in bulk such silver coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard weight thereby prescribed (hereinafter called "standard weight"), there being no variation from standard weight.

(c) We then assayed such silver coins comparing them with the silver trial plate produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that they were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts from the standard fineness thereby prescribed, the amount of variation from standard fineness being plus eight ten thousandth parts (+ 0.0008).

4.—(a) We found that the cupro-nickel coins in the said pyx weighed in all more than twelve ounces troy and we took one or more coins from each packet of cupro-nickel coins.

(b) We weighed each twelve ounces troy (at standard weight) of cupro-nickel coins so taken out and ascertained that the amount of its variation from standard weight was the amount recorded in respect thereof in the schedule hereto, and that each twelve ounces troy was therefore within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts.

(c) We then assayed separately cupro-nickel coins weighing in all twelve ounces troy (at standard weight) comparing them with the copper trial plate and the nickel trial plate produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that the coins assayed were on the whole within the variation allowed under the Acts, from the standard composition thereby prescribed there being no variation from standard composition.

(d) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of cupro-nickel coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts, being one ounce and nine hundred and thirty-four thousandth parts of an ounce (+ 1.934) above standard weight.

Dated the 13th day of May, 1954.

THE SCHEDULE.

Nine weighings of twelve ounces troy showed variations of two, three, four, five, six, seven, ten, eleven and thirteen thousandth parts of an ounce (+ 0.002, + 0.003, + 0.004, + 0.005, + 0.006, + 0.007, + 0.010, + 0.011, + 0.013) respectively above standard weight; and five such weighings showed variations of one, one, three, five and five thousandth parts of an ounce (− 0.001, − 0.001, − 0.003, − 0.005, − 0.005) respectively below standard weight.

R. S. Hutton.
Courthope.
H. M. Parsons.
W. Godfrey Allen.
Charles Biggs.
H. F. Tizard.
B. J. J. Tyldesley.
Harald Peake.
C. Stanley Pigott.
Runciman.
George S. Wellby.
F. S. E. Fawkes.
J. S. Forbes.
H. R. Ingrèy.
Harold Hartley, Foreman.

Frederick Arnold Baker,
Queen's Remembrancer.

Whitehall, May 28, 1954.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 24th instant, to appoint David Lewis Evans, Esq., O.B.E., to be a Member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts; and to re-appoint Sir Charles Hilary Jenkinson, C.B.E., F.S.A., to be an additional Member of the Commission.