

dom to make an Advantage thereof; and that the greatest Part of the Gold Coin current here, is in the Two larger Pieces of Portugal Gold, one of which passing for four Pounds, and the other for forty Shillings, great Inconveniencies and Difficulties daily arise in the obtaining Change for the same; and that there being a Disproportion between the Value of the said large Pieces, and the lesser Pieces of Foreign Gold Coin, to the Advantage of the larger, the same has occasioned likewise a Scarcity of the lesser Pieces of Gold Coin, by Means whereof, great Distress has been brought upon the Trade, and particularly the Linnen Manufacture of this Kingdom; and also upon his Majesty's Forces here: And therefore humbly prayed, that the Gold Coin, both English and Foreign current here, might be rated at the Quantity of English Silver they usually pass for in England, with an Allowance of some small Advantage to the lesser Pieces.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury (to whom his Majesty thought proper to refer the Consideration of the said Representation) have reported to his Majesty in Council, that they had taken the Opinion of the late Master-Worker, and the rest of the principal Officers of his Majesty's Mint thereupon, who proposed that a Reduction should be made in the Value of the Gold Coins current in this Kingdom, at least as low as they are in Great Britain; and that the Disproportion between the larger and lesser Pieces should be rectified; which said Proposal being agreed to by the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and approved of by his Majesty in Council, his Majesty has been graciously pleased, by his said Order in Council, to order, that the following Pieces of Gold Coin current in this Kingdom, do pass in Payment within this Kingdom, at the Rates herein after respectively specified, and that a Proclamation should be issued to that Effect.

We therefore the Lords Justices and Council, in Obedience to his Majesty's said Order, do by this our Proclamation publish and declare, that the several Pieces of Gold Coin herein after mentioned, shall from and after the Tenth Day of September next, pass and be accepted in all Receipts and Payments, as well to and from his Majesty as otherwise howsoever, as current Money within this Kingdom, at the several Rates herein after respectively specified, and none other, that is to say,

The Guinea at one Pound two Shillings and nine Pence.

And all other Pieces of the same Species in Proportion.

The Moydore, weighing six Penny-weight Twenty two Grains, at one Pound nine Shillings and three Pence.

The Half Moydore, weighing three Penny-weight eleven Grains, at fourteen Shillings and eight Pence.

The Quarter Moydore, weighing one Penny-weight seventeen Grains and an Half, at seven Shillings and four Pence.

The Quadruple Pistole of Gold, or Doubloon, weighing seventeen Penny-weight eight Grains, at three Pounds thirteen Shillings.

The Spanish or French Double Pistole of Gold, or the Doubloon or Double Louis d'Or, weighing eight Penny-weight sixteen Grains, at one Pound sixteen Shillings and six Pence.

The Spanish or French Pistole of Gold, weighing four Penny-weight eight Grains, at eighteen Shillings and three Pence.

The Spanish or French half Pistole of Gold, weighing two Penny-weight four Grains, at nine Shillings and two Pence.

The Spanish or French Quarter Pistole of Gold, weighing one Penny-weight two Grains, at four Shillings and seven Pence.

The French Louis d'Or of the new Species, weighing five Penny-weight five Grains, at one Pound two Shillings.

The French Half Louis d'Or of the new Species, proportionably, weighing two Penny-weight fourteen Grains and an Half, at eleven Shillings.

The French Quarter Louis d'Or of the new Species, proportionably, weighing one Penny-weight seven Grains and a Quarter, at five Shillings and six Pence.

The Piece of new Gold Coin of Portugal, weighing eighteen Penny-weight ten Grains and an Half, at three Pounds seventeen Shillings and eight Pence.

The Piece of new Gold Coin of Portugal, weighing nine Penny-weight five Grains and a Quarter, at one Pound eighteen Shillings and ten Pence.

The Piece of new Gold Coin of Portugal, weighing four Penny-weight fourteen Grains and an Half, at nineteen Shillings and six Pence.

The Piece of new Gold Coin of Portugal, weighing two Penny-weight seven Grains and a Quarter, at nine Shillings and ten Pence.

The Piece of new Gold Coin of Portugal, weighing one Penny-weight three Grains and an Half, at four Shillings and eleven Pence.

And in Case any of the aforesaid Pieces of Foreign Gold shall want of the respective Weights herein before mentioned, then Allowance is to be given of two Pence for each Grain, one Penny for Half a Grain, and one Half-penny for one Quarter of a Grain so wanting in any Piece of the said Foreign Gold Coins, and so proportionably for every greater want of Weight in the said Pieces; and in Case such Defect of Weight as aforesaid, shall be supplied in Manner aforesaid, then and in such Case, every Piece so defective in the Weight as aforesaid, and that Defect of Weight so supplied as aforesaid, is to be henceforth allowed, and to pass as current Money as aforesaid.

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