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CURRENCY OF THE SYDNEY GOLD COINAGE IN VICTORIA.

At the Court at Windsor, the 18th day of October, 1854.

PRESENT:—

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
His Royal Highness Prince Albert,

Lord President,
Duke of Newcastle,
Duke of Wellington,
Marquis of Lansdowne,
Earl of Aberdeen,
Earl Granville,

Viscount Palmerston,
Sir James Graham, Bart.,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Sir Charles Wood, Bart.,
Sir William Molesworth, Bart.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council bearing date the nineteenth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, Her Majesty thought fit to order that a branch of the Royal Mint should be established at or near Sydney, in New South Wales:—

And whereas there was this day read at the Board, a representation from Sir John Frederick William Herschel, Baronet, Master of Her Majesty's Mint, dated the twenty-fifth day of August last, in the words following, viz:—

"In pursuance of your Majesty's gracious commands, that Dies for an Australian Sovereign and Half-Sovereign (intended to be struck in the branch of your Majesty's Mint at Sydney, in New South Wales), should be prepared according to a Pattern which the Master of your Majesty's Mint had the honor to submit for your Majesty's approbation, I humbly beg to lay before your Majesty a description of the impression intended to be struck on the said Australian Sovereign and Half-Sovereign, viz:—

"For the obverse of the Sovereign the effigy of Your Majesty with the inscription 'VICTORIA D. G. BRITANNIA REGINA F. D.', and the date of the year. For the reverse the word 'AUSTRALIA,' placed in the centre of the piece encircled by a laurel wreath and surmounted by the Royal Crown with the inscription 'SYDNEY MINT, ONE SOVEREIGN,' and with a graining on the edge.

"And for the Half-Sovereign, the obverse in every respect similar to the Sovereign, and for the reverse the same word 'AUSTRALIA,' in the centre encircled and surmounted in like manner, but for the inscription the words 'SYDNEY MINT, HALF-SOVEREIGN' and a graining on the edge.

"Should it please your Majesty to approve of the said impression to be struck on the Australian Sovereign and Half-Sovereign, I humbly request your Majesty will be graciously pleased to signify your Majesty's commands thereon, that the coinage may be proceeded with as soon as the said Sydney branch of the Royal Mint shall come into operation."

Her Majesty having taken the said representation into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve of the therein described impression to be struck on the said Australian Sovereign and Half-Sovereign. And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

(L.S.)

C. C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 18th day of October, 1854.

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The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
His Royal Highness Prince Albert,

Lord President,
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Earl Granville,

Viscount Palmerston,
Sir James Graham, Bart.,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Sir Charles Wood, Bart.,
Sir William Molesworth, Bart.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board, the draft of a Proclamation, declaring the rates at which certain gold coins to be called Australian Sovereigns and Half-Sovereigns, intended to be struck at Her Majesty's branch of the Royal Mint, at Sydney, in New South Wales, are to pass current in all Her Majesty's Colonies in Australia, New Zealand, and Van Diemen's Land; Her Majesty having taken the same into consideration, was pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve thereof, and to order, and it is hereby ordered that the said Proclamation do take effect and come into force in each of

Her Majesty's said Colonies and Possessions, upon and from and after the promulgation thereof, by the Governors or Officers administering the Government of the said Colonies respectively, and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honorable Sir George Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions therein accordingly.

(L.S.)

C. C. GREVILLE.

PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council bearing date the nineteenth day of August, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, We have thought fit to order that a branch of Our Royal Mint should be established at or near Sydney, in New South Wales:—

And whereas, in the eighteenth year of Our reign, by an Order in Council dated the eighteenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, We have thought fit to order that certain pieces of gold money should be coined at the said branch of Our Royal Mint, to be called respectively Australian Sovereigns and Australian Half-Sovereigns, and to be of the same respective weights, fineness and values with the Sovereigns and Half-Sovereigns now current within this Our Realm.

And whereas, pursuant to and in virtue of the powers given in Our said Orders in Council, it is provided that a coinage of the said Australian Sovereigns and Half-Sovereigns shall be made, and that every such Australian Sovereign shall have for the obverse the effigy of Her Majesty, with the inscription, "VICTORIA D. G. BRITANNIÆ REGINA F. D.," and the date of the year; and for the reverse the word "AUSTRALIA" placed in the centre of the piece, encircled by a laurel wreath, and surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the inscription "SYDNEY MINT, ONE SOVEREIGN," and with a graining on the edge; and that every such Australian Half-Sovereign shall have the obverse in every respect similar to that of the Sovereign, and for the reverse the same word "AUSTRALIA" in the centre, encircled and surmounted in like manner, but for the inscription the words "SYDNEY MINT, HALF-SOVEREIGN," and a graining on the edge.

And whereas pieces of gold money of the above descriptions will be coined at Our said branch of the Royal Mint, in pursuance of orders issued and to be issued by Us: We have therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do ordain, declare and command that the said pieces of gold money so to be coined shall be current and lawful money within all our Colonies in Australia, New Zealand and Van Diemen's Land, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money therein by the names aforesaid and at the values hereinbefore assigned to them.

Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir HENRY BARKLY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Our Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Melbourne, Victoria, aforesaid, this fourteenth day of July, in the twenty-first year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

HENRY BARKLY.

By His Excellency's Command,

C. H. EBDEN,
Treasurer.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!