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VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE MINT.

DESPATCH DATED 30TH OCTOBER, 1883, FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES, ENCLOSING THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE DEPUTY-
MASTER OF THE ROYAL MINT, LONDON, ON THE WEIGHT AND FINENESS
OF GOLD COINS STRUCK AT THE MELBOURNE BRANCH OF THE ROYAL
MINT.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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MY LORD,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you, for the information of your Lordship's Government, the document specified in the annexed Schedule.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed)

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
 THE GOVERNMENT OF
 VICTORIA.

Date.	Description of Document.
	Report (received through the Treasury) from the Deputy Master of the Mint, forwarding the 13th Report of the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint.

THE DEPUTY MASTER OF THE ROYAL MINT TO THE TREASURY.

(Copy.)

Royal Mint, 23rd October, 1883.

SIR,

I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the following Returns have been duly received from the Deputy Master of the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint, in conformity with the Order in Council of the 7th of August, 1869.

I. Twelve Monthly Returns showing the transactions in Bullion of the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint, from July, 1882, to June, 1883, both inclusive.

The coin issued to the public during these months was as follows :—

				Sovereigns. Ounces.			Half-sovereigns. Ounces.
1882.							
In July	...	...	...	66,259·53	...	Nil.	
„ August	...	...	...	62,411·08	...	Nil.	
„ September	...	...	...	41,155·49	...	2,247·22	
„ October	...	...	...	53,677·24	...	Nil.	
„ November	...	...	...	51,109·43	...	Nil.	
„ December	...	...	...	79,612·81	...	Nil.	
1883.							
In January	...	...	...	60,610·43	...	Nil.	
„ February	...	...	...	30,305·68	...	Nil.	
„ March	...	...	...	37,753·98	...	Nil.	
„ April	...	...	...	48,027·51	...	Nil.	
„ May	...	...	...	38,780·27	...	Nil.	
„ June	...	...	...	62,749·39	...	Nil.	

II. Four Returns of Waste in Coining Gold at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint for the quarter ended the 30th day of September and the 31st of December, 1882, and the 31st of March and the 30th of June, 1883.

III. Four Returns, made by the Board of Verification to the Governor of the Colony, on the state of the Bullion in the Mint on the 30th of September and the 31st of December, 1882, and the 31st of March and the 30th of June, 1883.

The charges for coinage have been in accordance with the rates fixed by the Governor of Victoria in his Order in Council of the 7th of October, 1878.

I have also to request you to submit to their Lordships my Report, enclosed, being the thirteenth, on the Weight and Fineness of the Gold Coins produced at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint during the twelve months, July, 1882, to June, 1883, both inclusive, that Report being based on the assay of Pyx pieces transmitted by the Deputy Master for examination, in accordance with the provisions of the Order in Council before referred to.

A copy of the Report has been forwarded, as usual, to the Deputy Master at Melbourne, for his information.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. W. FREMANTLE.

THE SECRETARY,
TREASURY.

MELBOURNE MINT.

Thirteenth Report addressed to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the Weight and Fineness of Gold Coins struck at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint, and transmitted by the Deputy Master for examination, in accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 7th of August, 1869.

PIECES taken without preference by the Officer appointed by the Governor of the Colony at the deliveries of the Melbourne Mint.

Quarter ending.	Denomination of Coin.	Number of Pieces.	Total Weight.	Average Weight of a Piece.	Average proportion of Gold in 1,000 parts.
1882.			Ounces.	Ounces.	
30th September ...	Sovereigns ...	143	36·7203	·25679	916·583
	Half-sovereigns	5	·6415	·12830	916·640
31st December ...	Sovereigns ...	156	40·0610	·25680	916·575
1883.					
31st March ...	Sovereigns ...	110	28·2486	·25680	916·661
30th June ...	Sovereigns ...	129	33·1263	·25680	916·608

The standard weight of the sovereign is (oz.) 0·25682, and of the half-sovereign (oz.) 0·12841 ; and the standard fineness in 1,000 parts is 916·666.

(Signed) C. W. FREMANTLE,
Deputy Master and Comptroller.

ROYAL MINT,
23rd October, 1883.