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VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE MINT.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY-MASTER OF THE ROYAL MINT, LONDON,
ON THE WEIGHT AND FINENESS OF GOLD COINS STRUCK AT
THE MELBOURNE BRANCH.

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

By Authority:

JOHN FERRES, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

VICTORIA,
No. 96.
SIR,

Downing-street,
20th October, 1886.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you for communication to your Government the documents specified in the annexed Schedule.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

The Officer Administering
The Government of Victoria.

Date.	Description of Document.
18th October ...	Copy of a letter from the Treasury enclosing a Report from the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint on the operation of the Melbourne Mint, for the year ended 30th June, 1886.

The Treasury to the Colonial Office.

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SIR,

Treasury Chambers,
18th October, 1886.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, the enclosed copies of a Report, dated the 12th instant, from the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint, and of the enclosure thereto, upon the operations of the Melbourne Mint, for the year ended 30th June, 1886.

I am, &c.,
(Sgd.) E. W. HAMILTON.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

12th October, 1886.

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, 1885, to June, 1886, inclusive.

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

			Sovereigns. Ozs.		Half-sovereigns. Ozs.
1885.					
July	...	...	45,458·98	...	...
August	...	...	61,382·47	...	...
September	...	...	74,991·48	...	...
October	...	...	71,267·38	...	1,412·70
November	...	...	64,203·03	...	...
December	...	...	72,802·85	...	...
1886.					
January	...	...	52,646·99	...	...
February	...	...	61,634·43	...	...
March	...	...	52,004·67	...	1,926·49
April	...	...	65,228·09	...	...
May	...	...	72,807·73	...	...
June	...	...	69,214·01	...	...

II. Four Returns of waste in coining gold at the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint for the quarter ended—

30th September, 1885,
31st December, 1885,
31st March, 1886,
30th June, 1886.

III. Four Returns by the Board of Verification to the Governor of the colony on the state of the bullion and coin in the Mint on the

30th September, 1885,
31st December, 1885,
31st March, 1886,
30th June, 1886.

I have also to request that you will submit to their Lordships my Report, enclosed, being the sixteenth, on the weight and fineness of the gold coins produced at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1886, this 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 the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. W. FREMANTLE.

MELBOURNE MINT.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, addressed to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury ON THE WEIGHT AND FINENESS OF GOLD COINS struck at the Melbourne 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.
1885.			Ozs.	Ozs.	
30th September ...	Sovereigns ...	155	39·808	·2568	916·675
31st December ...	Sovereigns ...	177	45·455	·2568	916·604
„ ...	Half-sovereigns	3	·385	·1284	916·500
1886.					
31st March ...	Sovereigns ...	139	35·693	·2568	916·634
„ „ ...	Half-sovereigns	3	·385	·1284	916·500
30th June ...	Sovereigns ...	176	45·202	·2568	916·596

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

Royal Mint,
12th October, 1886.

C. W. FREMANTLE,
Deputy-Master and Comptroller.