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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:

ROBT. S. BRAIN, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

VICTORIA,
No. 79.
SIR,

Downing-street,
4th November, 1887.

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 humble servant,

The Officer Administering
The Government of Victoria.

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Date.	Description of Document.
1st November ...	Report on Gold Coinage at Melbourne Mint for Year ended 30th June. Treasury to Colonial Office, enclosing.

Treasury to Colonial Office.

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Colonial Office,
Treasury Chambers,
1st November, 1887.

SIR,
I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit, for the information of Secretary Sir Henry Holland, the enclosed copy of a letter of the 28th ultimo, from the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint, and of its accompanying Report on the Gold Coinage struck at Melbourne Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1887.

I am, &c.,
C. G. BARRINGTON.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Mint to Treasury.

SIR,
Royal Mint,
28th October, 1887.

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 August, 1869.

I. Twelve Monthly Returns showing the transactions in Bullion of the Melbourne Branch of the Royal Mint from July, 1886, to June, 1887, inclusive.

The Coin issued to the public during these months was as follows :--

				Sovereigns.	Half-sovereigns.	
				Ozs.	Ozs.	
1886.						
July	...	...	...	49,052·24	...	Nil
August	...	...	...	62,667·70	...	Nil
September	...	...	...	72,680·53	...	Nil
October	...	...	...	53,161·94	...	Nil
November	...	...	...	50,850·38	...	Nil
December	...	...	...	83,209·78	...	2,954·44
1887.						
January	...	...	...	66,259·24	...	Nil
February	...	...	...	84,493·68	...	Nil
March	...	...	...	61,639·21	...	Nil
April	...	...	...	52,136·47	...	Nil
May	...	...	...	60,097·62	...	Nil
June	...	...	...	82,440·99	...	Nil

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

30th September, 1886,
31st December, 1886,
31st March, 1887,
30th June, 1887.

III. Four Returns of 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, 1886,
31st December, 1886,
31st March, 1887,
30th June, 1887.

I have also to request that you will submit to their Lordships my Report, enclosed, being the seventeenth, on the weight and fineness of the gold coins produced at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1887, 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.

C. W. FREMANTLE.

The Secretary,
Treasury, S. W.

MELBOURNE MINT.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL 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.
1886.			Ozs.	Ozs.	
30th September ...	Sovereigns ...	158	40·581	·2568	916·602
31st December ...	Sovereigns ...	158	40·575	·2568	916·613
„ ...	Half-sovereigns	5	·642	·1284	916·540
1887.					
31st March ...	Sovereigns ...	178	45·713	·2568	916·601
30th June ...	Sovereigns ...	167	42·891	·2568	916·638

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.

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

Royal Mint,
28th October, 1887.