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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.

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SIR,

Downing-street,
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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, &c.,

The Officer Administering
the Government of Victoria.

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Date.	Description of Document.
13th November ...	Copy of a Letter from the Treasury with its enclosures respecting the Melbourne Mint.

Treasury to Colonial Office.

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SIR,

Treasury Chambers,
13 November, 1888.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit, for the information of Lord Knutsford, the enclosed copy of a letter of the 9th instant, from the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint, and of its accompanying Report on the Gold Coinage struck at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1888.

I am, &c.,

R. E. WELBY.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Mint to Treasury.

SIR,

Royal Mint,
9 November, 1888.

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 Mint from July, 1887, to June, 1888, inclusive.

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

				Sovereigns.				Half-sovereigns.
				Ozs.				Ozs.
1887.								
July	...	...	...	48,281·48	...		Nil
August	...	...	...	52,648·13	...		2,054·90
September	...	...	...	65,491·39	...		6,164·60
October	...	...	...	61,639·19	...		Nil
November	...	...	...	44,944·43	...		Nil
December	...	...	...	53,369·06	...		Nil
1888.								
January	...	...	...	60,098·23	...		Nil
February	...	...	...	90,917·95	...		Nil
March	...	...	...	58,298·24	...		Nil
April	...	...	...	60,356·24	...		Nil
May	...	...	...	52,137·44	...		Nil
June	...	...	...	53,934·13	...		Nil

II. Four Returns of waste in coining Gold for the quarters ended—
 30th September, 1887,
 31st December, 1887,
 31st March, 1888,
 30th June, 1888.

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, 1887,
 31st December, 1887,
 31st March, 1888,
 30th June, 1888.

I have also to request that you will submit to their Lordships my Report, enclosed, being the eighteenth, on the weight and fineness of the gold coins produced at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1888; 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, &c.,
 C. W. FREMANTLE.

The Secretary,
 Treasury, S.W.

MELBOURNE MINT.

EIGHTEENTH 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 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 Piece.	Average Proportion of Gold in 1,000 parts.
1887.			Oz.	Oz.	
30th September ...	Sovereigns ...	144	36·977	·2568	916·680
„ ...	Half-sovereigns	15	1·926	·1284	916·606
31st December ...	Sovereigns ...	134	34·413	·2568	916·623
1888.					
31st March ...	Sovereigns ...	176	45·196	·2568	916·689
30th June ...	Sovereigns ...	141	36·214	·2568	916·685

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,
 9 November, 1888.

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