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MELBOURNE MINT.

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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.

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VICTORIA,
No. 84.

MY LORD,

Downing-street,
2nd December, 1890.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you, for the information of Your Lordship's Government, the documents specified in the annexed Schedule, on the subject of the Gold Coinage struck at the Melbourne Branch of the Mint during the year ended 30th June, 1890.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,
Your most obedient humble servant,

The Officer Administering
the Government of Victoria.

ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Date.	Description of Document.
25th November ...	Copy of Letter from the Royal Mint with Report, received through the Treasury.

SIR,

Royal Mint,
25th November, 1890.

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 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, 1889, to June, 1890, inclusive.

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

Month.				Sovereigns.	Half-sovereigns.	
1889.				Ozs.	Ozs.	
July	...	...	...	58,040·50	...	Nil
August	...	...	...	67,285·69	...	Nil
September	...	...	...	57,525·09	...	Nil
October	...	...	...	57,525·66	...	Nil
November	...	...	...	43,404·21	...	Nil
December	...	...	...	65,998·08	...	Nil
1890.						
January	...	...	...	65,231·60	...	Nil
February	...	...	...	62,925·23	...	Nil
March	...	...	...	46,226·38	...	Nil
April	...	...	...	62,922·39	...	Nil
May	...	...	...	48,025·86	...	Nil
June	...	...	...	49,567·19	...	Nil

II. Four Returns of Waste in coining Gold for the quarters ended—

30th September, 1889 ;
31st December, 1889 ;
31st March, 1890 ;
30th June, 1890.

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, 1889 ;
31st December, 1889 ;
31st March, 1890 ;
30th June, 1890.

I have also to request that you will submit to their Lordships my Report, enclosed, being the twentieth, on the weight and fineness of the gold coins produced

at the Melbourne Mint during the year ended the 30th June, 1890; 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. FREEMANTLE.

The Secretary,
Treasury, S.W.

MELBOURNE MINT.

TWENTIETH 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 August, 1869.

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

Quarter ended.	Denomination of Coin.	Number of Pieces.	Total Weight.	Average Weight of a Piece.	Average Proportion of Gold in 1,000 parts.
1889.			Ozs.	Ozs.	
30th September ...	Sovereigns ...	152	39·034	·2568	916·760
31st December ...	Sovereigns ...	141	36·208	·2568	916·725
1890.					
31st March ...	Sovereigns ...	146	37·497	·2568	916·651
30th June ...	Sovereigns ...	135	34·672	·2568	916·643

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

Royal Mint,
25th November, 1890.

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