

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 412.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Hunghò, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1887, at 3 P.M.

Hunghò Inland Lot No. 173.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 398 of the 1st instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th October, 1887.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 413.

The following Circular Despatch, accompanying a copy of a Proclamation issued by Her Majesty the Queen, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th October, 1887.

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CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
13th August, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Colony under your Government, the accompanying copy of a Proclamation, issued by Her Majesty the Queen, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, respecting certain changes in the designs, &c., of the Gold and Silver Coins, and the issue of a new Silver Coin called the Double Florin.

I have to request that you will take steps to publish this Proclamation in the usual manner in the Colony under your Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. T. HOLLAND.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*

HONGKONG.

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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-third year of Our Reign intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Coinage and Her Majesty's Mint," it is amongst other things enacted:

That We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, shall from time to time by Proclamation determine the design for any Coin:

We have, therefore, thought fit to order that certain of the Coins made at the Mint, mentioned in the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act, of the weight and fineness specified in that Schedule, shall bear designs as follows:—

That every Five Pound Piece should have for the Obverse Impression Our Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria D.G. Britt: Reg: F.D.," and for the Reverse the image of Saint George armed, sitting on Horse-back, attacking the Dragon with a Sword, and a broken Spear upon the ground, and the date of the Year, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Two Pound Piece should have the same Obverse and Reverse Impression and Inscription in all respects as the Five Pound Piece, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Sovereign should have the same Obverse and Reverse Impression and Inscription in all respects as the Five Pound Piece, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Half-Sovereign should have for the Obverse Impression the aforesaid Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia," and for the Reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a garnished Shield surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the Inscription "Britanniarum Regina Fid: Def:" and the date of the Year, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Crown should have the same Obverse and Reverse Impression and Inscription in all respects as the Five Pound Piece, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Half-Crown should have for the Obverse Impression the aforesaid Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia," and for the Reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a plain Shield surrounded by the Garter bearing the Motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," and the Collar of the Garter with the Inscription "Britanniarum Regina Fid: Def:" and the date of the Year, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Florin should have for the Obverse Impression the aforesaid Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia," and for the Reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in Four Shields arranged crosswise, each Shield Crowned, and between the Shields Four Sceptres surmounted by Orbs, a Thistle, and a Harp, and a Star of the Garter in the Centre, with the Inscription "Britt: Reg: Fid: Def:" and the date of the Year, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Shilling should have for the Obverse Impression the aforesaid Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia Britt: Regina F.D.," and for the Reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a plain Shield surrounded by the Garter bearing the Motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense," and the date of the Year, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that every Sixpence should have the same Obverse and Reverse Impression and Inscription in all respects as the Shilling, with a Graining upon the Edge; and that certain other pieces of Silver Money called "The Queen's Maundy Monies," of Fourpence, Threepence, Twopence, and One Penny, should have for the Obverse Impression the aforesaid Effigy, with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia Britt: Regina F.D.," and for the Reverse the respective figures "4," "3," "2," "1" (according to the denomination or value of the Piece) in the Centre, with the date of the Year placed across the Figure, and encircled by an Oak Wreath surmounted by the Royal Crown, with a Plain Edge.

And whereas by the aforesaid Act it is also enacted, That it shall be lawful for Us, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, from time to time by Proclamation to determine the denominations of Coins to be coined at the Mint, and it is by the said Act provided that any Coin of Gold, Silver, or Bronze, of any other denomination than that of the Coins mentioned in the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act, which is hereafter coined at the Mint, shall be of a weight and fineness bearing the same proportion to the weight and fineness specified in that Schedule as the denomination of such Coin bears to the denominations mentioned in that Schedule.

We have, therefore, further thought fit to order that a new Coin, to be called a Double-Florin, should be coined, of the standard weight of 349.09090 grains, and of the fineness of thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver and three-fortieths alloy, and should pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at the rate of four shillings or one-fifth of a Pound; and that every such Coin should have the same Obverse and Reverse Impression and Inscription in all respects as the Florin, with a Graining upon the Edge.

And whereas Pieces of Money of the above Descriptions respectively have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there in pursuance of Orders which We have given for that purpose, We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command that the said Pieces of Money respectively so coined, and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that this Our Royal Proclamation shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this Thirteenth day of *May*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.