

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 91.

The following Circular Despatch accompanying a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1888.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
23rd December, 1887.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 13th of August last, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Colony under your Government, the accompanying copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, approving the Draft of a Royal Proclamation for giving currency to certain silver coins called "Sixpences," with a new design therein described, and directing the coining of such coins at the Royal Mint.

I request that you will take steps to publish the Proclamation and Order in Council 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.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

The 28th day of November, 1887.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board the Draft of a Proclamation for giving currency to certain silver coins, called "Sixpences," with a new design therein described:

HER MAJESTY, having taken the same into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the coins described in the Proclamation be coined at Her Majesty's Mint:

And the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.

DRAFT PROCLAMATION referred to in the foregoing Order.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by "The Coinage Act 1870" it is (amongst other things) 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 design for any Coin.

Now therefore We have, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to determine and do order that certain coins called "Sixpences," made and to be made at the Mint, and mentioned in the first Schedule to the aforesaid Act, of the weight and fineness specified in that Schedule, shall bear designs as follows:—

For the Obverse Impression Our Effigy with the Inscription "Victoria Dei Gratia Britt: Regina F.D.," and for the Reverse the Words "Six Pence" placed in the Centre of the Piece, having an Olive Branch on one Side and an Oak Branch on the other, surmounted by the Royal Crown, and the Date of the Year between and below the Branches, and a Graining upon the Edge.

And whereas Coins of the above Description 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 Coins 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 forthwith on the date thereof.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fifty-first year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.