

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 16.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
19th December, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my attention has been called to the increasing frequency of applications for exemption from Colonial Regulation No. 46, respecting the acceptance by Colonial Officers of valuable presents.

2. That Regulation was based on motives of sound policy ; and it must be obvious that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the Public Service if a regular practice of offering presents to public officers were established. Whether the presents came from official or unofficial sources there would be the same probability of the imputation of ulterior motives ; and there would be a constant impression that officials were influenced by considerations other than those which alone should weigh with them in the discharge of their duties.

3. In these circumstances I desire it to be clearly understood that applications for exemption from the Regulation will not be entertained unless they are made in very exceptional circumstances.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. HARCOURT.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

No. 17.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
21st December, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, and with a view to publication in the Colony under your Government, the accompanying copy of a Proclamation by the King in Council determining new designs for gold and bronze coins.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. HARCOURT.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1910.

PRESENT.

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

THE following Draft Proclamation was this day read at the Board and approved.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING NEW DESIGNS FOR GOLD AND BRONZE COINS.

WHEREAS under section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, from time to time by proclamation to determine the design for any coin :

And whereas it appears to Us desirable to determine new designs for the gold and bronze coins mentioned in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870 :

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said enactment and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct, and ordain as follows :—

1. The designs for the said gold and bronze coins shall be as follows :—

#### GOLD COINS.

- (1) *Five-Pound Piece*.—Every five-pound piece shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription “GEORGIUS V DEI GRA: BRITT: OMN: REX FID: DEF: IND: IMP:” and for the reverse the image of Saint George armed, sitting on horseback, 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.
- (2) *Two-Pound Piece*.—Every two-pound piece shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece, with a graining upon the edge.
- (3) *Sovereign*.—Every sovereign shall have for the obverse impression the afore-said effigy with the inscription “GEORGIUS V D. G. BRITT: OMN: REX F. D. IND: IMP:” and for the reverse the same impression in all respects as the five-pound piece, with a graining upon the edge.
- (4) *Half-Sovereign*.—Every half-sovereign shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the sovereign, with a graining upon the edge.

#### BRONZE COINS.

- (1) *Penny*.—Every penny shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription “GEORGIUS V DEI GRA: BRITT: OMN: REX FID: DEF: IND: IMP:” and for the reverse impression the figure of Britannia seated on a rock surrounded by the sea, her right hand holding a shield which rests against the rock, while in her left hand she grasps a trident, and the inscription “ONE PENNY,” with the date of the year and a plain edge.
- (2) *Half-penny*.—Every half-penny shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the penny, and for the reverse the figure of Britannia seated as described for the penny, and the inscription “HALF-PENNY,” with the date of the year and a plain edge.
- (3) *Farthing*.—Every farthing shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the penny, and for the reverse the figure of Britannia seated as described for the penny, and the inscription “FARTHING,” with the date of the year and a plain edge.

2. This Proclamation shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the First year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.