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By the KING.

## A PROCLAMATION,

*For giving Currency to a new Coinage of Copper Money, of Two-penny and One-penny Pieces, Half-penny Pieces and Farthings.*

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS in Consequence of the unanimous Address of our Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, We thought fit to order that certain Pieces of Copper should be coined, which should go and pass for One Penny and Two Pennies, and that each of such Pieces of One Penny should weigh One Ounce Avoirdupois, and that each of such Two penny Pieces should weigh Two Ounces Avoirdupois, the intrinsic Value of such Pieces of One Penny and Two Pennies, Workmanship included, corresponding as nearly as possible with the nominal Value of the same respectively; every such Piece having on one Side thereof Our Effigies or Portraiture, with Our Name or Title, and on the Reverse, the Figure of Britannia, represented sitting on a Rock in the Sea, holding a Trident in her Left Hand, and a Branch of Olive in her Right Hand, with the Year of our Lord: And whereas Penny and Two-penny Pieces of Copper of the Weight and Description aforesaid having been coined accordingly, We did, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, by Our Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Twenty-sixth Day of July in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign, ordain, declare, and command, That such Pieces of Copper Money should be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and should pass and be received as current and lawful Money of Our said Kingdom, that is to say, such Penny Pieces as of the Value of One Penny, and such Two-penny Pieces as of the Value of Two Pennies, in all Payments and Transactions of Money; provided that no Person should be obliged to take more of such Copper Money, in any One Payment, than should be of the Value of One Shilling, after the Rate aforesaid: And whereas We have since caused great Quantities of such Penny and Two-penny Pieces to be coined and delivered, and We have also thought fit to order, That Halfpenny Pieces and Farthings should be coined, having also on one Side thereof

Our Effigies or Portraiture, with Our Name or Title, and on the Reverse the Figure of Britannia, with the Year of our Lord; all which Two-penny Pieces, One-penny Pieces, Halfpenny Pieces, and Farthings, have been coined by Matthew Boulton, of Soho, in the County of Warwick, Esquire; and We do intend, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require, to order like Two-penny Pieces, One-penny Pieces, Halfpenny Pieces, and Farthings, or some or one of them, to be coined in like Manner, and to be delivered at such Times and in such Quantities as We shall find to be necessary for the Purposes of Circulation: We have therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, That all such Pieces of Copper Money, so already coined and issued, and which shall hereafter be coined and issued as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful Money of Our said Kingdom, (that is to say); such Two-penny Pieces as of the Value of Two Pence, and such Penny Pieces as of the Value of One Penny; such Halfpenny as of the Value of One Halfpenny, and such Farthings as of the Value of One Farthing: Provided that no Person shall be obliged to take more of such Two-penny and One-penny Pieces, in any one Payment, than shall be of the Value of One Shilling, after the Rate aforesaid; or to take more of such Halfpenny and Farthing Pieces, in any one Payment, than shall be of the Value of Sixpence, after the Rate aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fourth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and in the Fortieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

**A**T the Court at St. James's, the 18th of December 1799,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council,  
**W**HEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-sixth Day of December, One