

seven; and there being reason to believe that due attention is not paid to the weighing of the said gold coin, and to the directions given in the Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the cutting, breaking, or defacing of such pieces thereof as are found to be of less weight than those declared and allowed by His Majesty's said Proclamations to be current and pass in payment: We do, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, by this Our royal Proclamation declare and command, in like manner as was declared and commanded in His Majesty's before-mentioned Proclamations of the twelfth of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and twenty-first of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, that all guineas, half guineas, quarter guineas, more deficient in weight than the rates specified in the table following;

Guineas, five pennyweights eight grains;

Half guineas, two pennyweights sixteen grains;

Quarter guineas, one pennyweight eight grains; and that the seven shillings gold pieces, and the gold pieces called sovereigns or twenty shilling pieces, more deficient in weight than the rates hereafter specified, viz.;

Seven shilling pieces, one pennyweight eighteen grains;

Sovereigns, or twenty shilling pieces, five pennyweights two grains three quarters;

be not allowed to be current or pass in any payment whatsoever: and We do hereby strictly require and command all His Majesty's loving subjects, and particularly all the officers, collectors, and receivers of His Majesty's revenues, strictly to conform to the orders hereby given, and to the directions and regulations enacted and established in the several Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the cutting, breaking, and defacing such pieces of the said gold coin as shall be found deficient in weight: and We do hereby further ordain, declare, and command, that the guineas, half guineas, quarter guineas, seven shilling pieces, and sovereigns, of the weights above described, shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in all payments whatsoever.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Act of the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Cap. 70, Sect. 7.*

AND be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the Tellers in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in Great Britain, and all receivers, collectors, and other officers of all His Majesty's revenues whatsoever, and all other persons whatsoever, are hereby authorised and required to cut, break, or deface, or cause to be cut, broken, or defaced, every piece of gold coin of this realm that shall be tendered to them, or any of them, in payment, after such time and times as any such piece of gold coin shall, by virtue of any Proclamation of His Majesty in Council, be declared not to be allowed to pass in any payment whatsoever, any law or statute to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, and the person tendering the same shall bear the loss; but if any such piece so cut, broken or defaced, shall be of due weight, and appear to be lawful money, the person that cut, broke, or defaced the same shall, and is hereby required to take and receive the same at the rate it was coined for; and if any questions or disputes shall arise, whether the piece so cut be lawful coin, within the intent and meaning of His Majesty's Proclamations, it shall be heard and finally determined by the mayor, bailiff or bailiffs, or other chief officer of any city or town corporate where such tender shall be made; and if such tenders shall be made out of any city or town corporate, then by some justice of the peace of the county inhabiting or being near the place where such tender shall be made; and the said mayor or other chief officer and justice of the peace shall have full power and authority to administer an oath, as he shall see convenient, to any person for determining any questions relating to the weight and lawful currency of the said piece of coin.

*Act of the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Cap. 92, Sect. 4.*

AND be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the thirty-first day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, all weights to be made use of for weighing the said gold and silver coin, shall be regulated and ascertained by the duplicates or copies of the said standard weights of a guinea, of a shilling, and of the parts and multiples thereof respectively, lodged in the custody of the officer before mentioned (viz. the officer appointed by His