

mitted at Loughborough as aforesaid, nor to any other offence, except such as may have been committed contrary to the said Statute made in the fifty-fourth year aforesaid.

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

GOD save the KING.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit to order that certain pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "sovereigns or twenty-shilling-pieces," each of which should be of the value of twenty shillings, and that each piece should be of the weight of five pennyweights three grains $\frac{2,740}{10,000}$ troy weight of standard gold, according to the weights approved of and confirmed by Us in Council, in pursuance of an Act made in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom;" and We have further thought fit to order that every such piece of gold money, so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, shall have for the obverse impression the head of His Majesty, with the inscription "Georgius III. D. G: Britanniar. Rex. F. D." and the date of the year; and for the reverse the image of St. George armed sitting on horseback encountering the dragon with a spear, the said device being placed within the enobled Garter, bearing the motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense," with a newly invented graining on the edge of the piece: and whereas pieces of gold money of the above description have been coined at His Majesty's Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of Orders which We have given for that purpose: We have therefore, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Proclamation; and We do hereby, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money so coined, and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful money of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall be called "sovereigns or twenty shilling pieces," and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and every of such pieces shall pass and be received as of the value of twenty shillings of lawful money 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.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us, that great quantities of the gold coin of this realm, deficient in weight, are now in circulation, contrary to the tenour of His Majesty's Proclamations of the twelfth of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and twenty-first of September one thousand seven hundred eighty-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 re-