



The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1821.

Whitehall, February 24, 1821.

THE King has been pleased to command that, in the present and in all future years, His Majesty's Birth-day shall be, in all respects, observed and kept on the 23d day of April; excepting when that day shall fall on Sunday, in which case the same is to be observed and kept on the following day.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third, was pleased by His Royal Proclamations, bearing date the first day of July and the tenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to ordain, declare, and command, that certain pieces of gold coin therein described, called sovereigns and half sovereigns, should pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that every such sovereign should weigh not less than five penny weights, two grains and three quarters, and that every such half sovereign should weigh not less than two penny weights, thirteen grains and one quarter; and whereas the allowance made for reasonable wear by the said Proclamations has been found by experience to be too small for general practice: We taking the same into consideration are pleased, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do

hereby ordain, declare, and command, that, from and after the date hereof, every gold sovereign not weighing less than five penny weights, two grains and a half, and every gold half sovereign not weighing less than two penny weights, thirteen grains and one eighth, shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; every such sovereign as of the value of twenty shillings; and every such half sovereign as of the value of ten shillings, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, the sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

Act of the Fourteenth Year of His late 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 per-