

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE. 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 penny weights three grains and $\frac{2,740}{10,000}$ troy weight of standard gold; and that certain other pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "half sovereigns or ten shilling pieces," each of which should be of the value of ten shillings, and that each piece last mentioned should be of the weight of two penny weights thirteen grains $\frac{6,370}{10,000}$ 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 late 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 gold sovereign or twenty shilling piece so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Georgius III, D. G. Britanniar: Rex; F. D." and for the reverse the image of Saint George armed, sitting on horseback, attacking the Dragon with a sword, having broken his spear in the encounter, and the date of the year, the edge of the piece to be marked with the new invented graining used on the coins of His late Majesty; and that every such gold half sovereign or ten shilling piece so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Georgius III, D. G. Britanniar: Rex; F. D." and for the reverse the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom, contained in a shield surrounded by the Rose, Thistle, and Shamrock, and having the word "Anno" with the date of the year, and on the edge of the piece the new invented graining used on the coins of His late Majesty: And whereas pieces of gold money of the above descriptions respectively have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders which We have given for that purpose: We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money respectively 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 "half sovereigns or ten 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 sovereigns not weighing less than five penny weights two grains and an half; and every of such half-sovereigns 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 of lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and every such half sovereign, as of the value of ten shillings of like lawful money, in all payments whatsoever.

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

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 5th of May 1821,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifth-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to direct the distribution of any reward awarded by the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise to the Officers of the Army, Navy, or Marines, for apprehending smugglers, in such manner as His Majesty shall be pleased to appoint," it was enacted that in all cases wherein the Commissioners of Customs or Excise of England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, shall award any sum not exceeding twenty pounds as aforesaid, to any officer, officers, non-commissioned officers, petty officers, seamen, or privates of His Majesty's army, navy, or marines, or acting under the orders of the Lord High Admiral, or of the Commissioners for executing the office of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for any person so arrested, convicted, or committed to prison as aforesaid, the same shall be divided and distributed in such proportions, and according to such rules, regulations, and orders, as His Majesty shall, by His Order or Orders in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation in that behalf, be pleased to direct and appoint:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said powers, His late Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the seventeenth of September one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, to direct and appoint that the bounty money awarded for the arrest of any person or persons arrested, convicted and committed to prison, according to the provision of the laws above recited, by any officer or officers, non-commissioned officers, petty officers, seamen, or privates of His Majesty's army, navy, or marines, or acting under the orders of the Lord High Admiral, or of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be divided and distributed amongst such officers, non-commissioned officers, petty officers, seamen, or privates of His Majesty's army, navy, or marines, or