

received by the Queen's Remembrancer for the time being, and he shall preside at the trial, and shall administer the oath to the Jury, who shall be sworn upon the trial, and shall reduce the verdict of the Jury to writing, and after it is so reduced to writing, it shall be read aloud publicly and in the hearing of the Jury, and after the same shall have been so read, each of the Jury and also the Queen's Remembrancer shall authenticate the written verdict by signing the same, and the verdict and the said Warrant of the said Lords Commissioners shall thereupon be attached one to the other.

That if it shall at any time happen that the Queen's Remembrancer, from illness or any other unavoidable cause, is unable to attend the trial, his place shall be supplied by one of the Masters of the Court of Exchequer, who shall perform all the above-mentioned duties of the Queen's Remembrancer in his stead.

That the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, when they shall, by their said Warrant, have appointed a day for the trial of the Pyx, shall, at a convenient time before the day so appointed, cause a written notice of the time appointed for the trial to be given to the Queen's Remembrancer, requiring him to attend at the time and place appointed, to preside at the trial, and perform the other duties assigned to him by this Her Majesty's Order.

That a similar notice shall be given to the Board of Trade, by leaving the same at the office of such Board and requiring them to produce, at the time and place specified, the standard trial plates and standard weights, and all other things in their possession usually produced at the trial of the Pyx.

That a similar notice shall be given to the Deputy Master of the Mint, by leaving the same for him at the Mint.

That a similar notice shall be given to any other person or persons whose presence shall be thought necessary at the trial, and to produce anything which may be required at the trial.

That all persons served with such notices shall attend accordingly, and produce everything in their possession or power they may be required to produce.

That the said Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall, at a convenient time before the day appointed for the trial, make a precept or request in writing, signed as aforesaid, addressed to the Prime Warden and Wardens of the said Goldsmiths' Company, informing them of the day and hour appointed for the trial of the Pyx, and requesting them to summon a Jury of not less than six out of the competent Freemen of the mystery of Goldsmiths of the city of London, or other competent persons to appear at Goldsmiths' Hall, or other place appointed as aforesaid, at the day and hour so appointed, to act as Jurymen at the trial of the Pyx then to be held, and they shall summon such Jury, and the persons to compose such Jury, when so summonsed, shall appear accordingly.

That at the time and place appointed when the Jury have been called and have appeared, the Queen's Remembrancer, or the Master of the Court of Exchequer, as the case may be, shall administer to all of the them an oath in the words following:—"You shall well and truly, after your knowledge and discretion, make the assays of these moneys of gold and silver, and truly report if the said moneys be in weight and fineness according to the standard weights for weighing and testing the coins of the realm, and the standard trial plates of gold and silver used for determining the

justness of the gold and silver coinage of the realm in the custody of the Board of Trade, and be in conformity with the first schedule of the Coinage Act, 1870, so help your God."

That when the Jury shall have been so sworn the trial shall proceed.

That with a view to the trial of the Pyx the Master or Deputy Master of the Mint shall, out of the gold and silver coins coined to be issued by the Mint, set apart, or cause to be set apart, certain coins for the trial of the Pyx, and such coins shall consist of one from each journey weight, the journey weight consisting of fifteen pounds troy weight of gold coins, and sixty pounds troy weight of silver coins; and the gold coins so set apart shall be kept together in such a number of packets as may be convenient, and the silver coins in other packets, and sealed up at the Mint before being taken to the trial and so produced on the trial.

That the Jury shall ascertain the number of coins in each packet produced to them, and that it corresponds with the number the officers of the Mint represent it to contain, and there shall then be taken by the Jury from each packet as many coins as they think necessary for the purpose of the trial.

That the Jury shall weigh or cause to be weighed in their presence each of the coins so taken out so as to ascertain whether they are within the prescribed remedy as to weight.

That the Jury shall then melt the coins so taken out and weighed into an ingot, and shall assay such ingot, comparing it with the standard trial plate, in the custody of the Board of Trade and produced at the trial, so as to ascertain whether the metal is within the remedy as to fineness.

They shall weigh the residue of the coins in bulk, so as to ascertain whether they are within the remedy as to weight.

They shall then take from such residue, such a number of pieces, both of gold and silver coin, as they shall think fit, and assay them separately.

They shall find by their verdict, whether the ingot composed of the coins which they shall have melted as aforesaid, is or is not within the remedy or variation from the standard of weight and fineness specified in the first schedule of the Coinage Act, 1870, and shall specify in their verdict the amount of variation, and they shall, in and by their verdict, declare the weight and millesimal fineness of the coins which they shall have separately weighed and assayed as aforesaid.

That after the verdict shall have been reduced to writing and authenticated as aforesaid and attached to the said warrant, the same shall be taken possession of by, or delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, who shall file or deposit the same of record in his office, amongst the other records of his office, and shall forthwith cause a copy thereof to be made which he shall cause to be delivered to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and the same shall be kept and preserved in the Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury shall cause two other copies to be made, one whereof they shall cause to be delivered to the Board of Trade, and the same shall be kept and preserved by such Board in their office, and the other of such copies shall be delivered to the Deputy Master of the Mint, and the same shall be kept and preserved by him at the Mint.

That the said Lords Commissioners shall cause the said verdict to be published in the London Gazette.

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