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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHEREAS formerly the Coins current in Our West Indian Colonies, which term included Our Colony of Honduras, consisted partly of the current coins of Our United Kingdom, and partly of Spanish, Mexican, and Colombian gold coins called doubloons, and of Spanish, Mexican, and Colombian silver coins called dollars, and

Whereas by Our Proclamation given at Our Court at Windsor, on the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the second year of Our Reign, rates were fixed at which the said Spanish, Mexican, and Colombian gold coins called doubloons, and the Spanish, Mexican, and Colombian silver coins called dollars, should, as measured in sterling, circulate and be received in payment in Our West Indian Colonies, and

Whereas by Our Proclamation given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on the nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and in the seventeenth year of Our Reign, rates were fixed at which the gold coins of the United States of North America, called the Eagle, Half Eagle, Quarter Eagle and Gold Dollar, should, as measured in sterling, circulate and be received in payment in Our said Colonies, and whereas by Our Proclamations given at Our Courts at Windsor on the tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in the thirtieth year of Our Reign, and at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, in the thirty-fourth year of Our reign, it was ordained that certain gold coins coined at the Sydney branch of Our Mint should be legal tender for payment in Our Colony of British Honduras, and whereas by Our Proclamation given at Our Court at Windsor, on the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, in the forty-eighth year of Our reign, it was ordained that certain bronze coins therein described, called one cent pieces, of British Honduras currency, struck and to be struck at Our Mint in London, should pass current in Our Colony of British Honduras, and

Whereas the coins actually in circulation in Our said Colony of British Honduras consist now partly of the current coins of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, including gold coins

coined at the Sydney branch of Our Mint, partly of the said bronze coins called one cent pieces, of British Honduras currency, and partly of Guatemalan, Chilian, Mexican, and Honduras silver coins called Dollars, and partly Peruvian silver coins called Sols, and whereas it is expedient to reform the currency in Our Colony of British Honduras by declaring a new standard of value, and specifying the coins which shall constitute legal tender and the rates at which such coins shall as measured by the new standard of value, circulate and be received in payment.

Now, therefore, We, by and with the like advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to declare and ordain, and by the advice aforesaid, We do hereby declare and ordain, as follows:—

- (1.) This Proclamation shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Our Colony of British Honduras, by Proclamation, from which day the current coins of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shall cease to be legal tender in Our Colony of British Honduras.
- (2.) Our aforesaid Proclamations of the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, the nineteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, shall be and they are hereby declared to be revoked so far as regards Our Colony of British Honduras, and Our aforesaid Proclamation of the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, shall be and is hereby revoked.
- (3.) The standard of value in British Honduras shall henceforth be the Guatemalan Dollar, containing 385·8 grains troy of silver of the millesimal fineness of 900·0.
- (4.) The coins hereinafter specified shall be deemed to bear to the Guatemalan Dollar the ratio which is respectively set against the name of each coin in the first column of the List of Coins.
- (5.) A tender of payment of money, if made in any of the said coins, which have not become diminished in weight by wear or otherwise, so as to be of less weight than the weight specified in the List of Coins as the minimum weight, and which are of the fineness speci-