

Branch Mint any gold bullion and requires the Deputy Master of the Branch Mint to assay, coin into sterling gold coins, and deliver out to him the same, the Deputy Master shall comply with the requisition on payment for every ounce troy of gold of standard fineness of a charge of three halfpence where the amount brought at any one time does not exceed five hundred ounces, and of a penny in any other case:

Provided that—

(a) Where the gold bullion so brought is such that it cannot be brought to the standard fineness of the coin to be coined thereout without refining the whole or some portion of it, the Deputy Master shall demand for assaying and refining the same such additional charge as the Governor-General in Council may from time to time fix, and until such charge is paid to him may refuse to receive, assay or coin that bullion; and

(b) Where the bullion brought to the Branch Mint for coinage is finer than the standard fineness of the coin to be coined thereout, there shall be delivered to the person bringing the same such additional amount of coin as is proportionate to that superior fineness; and

(c) No undue preference shall be shown to any person as respects the bullion brought to the Branch Mint, and every person shall have priority according to the time at which he brought the bullion to the Branch Mint; and

(d) The Governor-General in Council may make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Article with respect to gold bullion, and the bringing, coining and delivery out thereof, and in particular for regulating the times and conditions at and under which it is to be so brought, assayed, coined and delivered out, and the minimum amount which may be so brought.

(2) The charges under this Article for coining, assaying and refining shall be collected by the Deputy Master of the Branch Mint in accordance with the regulations made under this Article, either as a payment in advance or as a deduction from the coin delivered out, or otherwise, and shall be accounted for and paid over in such manner as the Governor-General in Council directs to the Minister of Finance of the Union, to be paid by him into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Union.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Proclamation, the Pretoria Branch Mint shall be deemed to be part of the Mint, and accordingly—

(a) The Deputy Master of the Branch Mint shall comply with all directions which he may receive from the Master of the Mint, whether as regards the returns to be made or the delivery of coin for public use, or the transmission of specimen sterling gold coins to England, and otherwise; and

(b) The said specimen sterling gold coins shall be subject to trial of the pyx under section twelve of the Coinage Act, 1870, so, however, that they shall be examined separately from the coins coined in England or at any Branch Mint other than the Pretoria Branch Mint; and

(c) The Deputy Master of the Branch Mint and other officers and persons for the purpose of carrying on the business of the

Branch Mint may be appointed, promoted, suspended and removed, and their duties assigned and salaries awarded under section fifteen of the Coinage Act, 1870.

7. Nothing in this Proclamation shall be taken to prevent the coining at the Pretoria Branch Mint of any coins of whatever metal which the Minister of Finance of the Union has power under or by virtue of any Act of the Union for the time being in force to be caused to be made and issued for circulation in the Union, or of any other coins of whatever metal which the Governor-General in Council may from time to time authorise to be coined at the Pretoria Branch Mint:

Provided that—

(a) Coins, other than sterling gold coins, coined at the Pretoria Branch Mint shall not, for the purposes of the Coinage Act, 1870, or for the purposes of any Order in Council or Proclamation relating to the coinage of any part of Our Dominions, be deemed to be coins made at, or issued from, the Mint, or to be coins coined under the direction of the Master of the Mint; and

(b) The coining of such other coins shall be carried out subject to and in accordance with such regulations and conditions as may be made and imposed by the Master of the Mint.

8. The Governor-General in Council shall cause the store of bullion and coin at the Pretoria Branch Mint to be inspected half-yearly, and shall cause the persons inspecting the same to report thereon to the Deputy Master of the Branch Mint, stating the exact amount of bullion and coin inspected by them, and copies of the report shall be transmitted by the Deputy Master to the Governor-General and to the Master of the Mint in London.

9. The Master of the Mint shall in the execution of this Proclamation act in accordance with any Regulations made or directions given by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury.

10. In this Proclamation—

The expression "the Mint" means Our Royal Mint in England;

The expression "Deputy Master of the Branch Mint" includes any person who lawfully exercises at the Pretoria Branch Mint the authority of Deputy Master;

The expression "Governor-General" means the Governor-General of the Union and includes the officer for the time being administering the Government of the Union.

11.—(1) This Proclamation may be cited as the Pretoria Mint Proclamation, 1922.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1899, applies to the construction of this Proclamation as it applies to the construction of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Proclamation shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, unless it is sooner promulgated in the Union, and in that case shall come into force on being so promulgated.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Fourteenth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and in the Thirteenth year of Our *Reign*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.