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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

DETERMINING DESIGNS FOR CUPRO-NICKEL COINS OF THE REALM.

G.R.I.

Whereas under section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, from time to time by Proclamation to determine the design for any coin:

And whereas it appears to Us desirable that the designs for cupro-nickel coins of the denominations mentioned in the Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1946, should be the same as those determined for the like silver denominations by Our Proclamation of the 18th March, 1937:

We, therefore, in pursuance of the said enactment and of all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

The designs for the said cupro-nickel coins shall be as follows:—

(1) **HALF-CROWN**.—Every half-crown shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "GEORGIUS VI D:G:BR: OMN:REX", and for the reverse the Ensigns Armorial of the United Kingdom contained in a Shield having on each side the initial letter of Our Name in duplicate and interlaced surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the inscription "FID: DEF:IND:IMP" together with the words "HALF CROWN", and the date 1947, or of a succeeding year. The Coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(2) **FLORIN**.—Every florin shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse a Rose, Thistle, and Shamrock surmounted by a Crown; and the letters "G" and "R" below; with the inscription "FID: DEF:IND:IMP" together with the words "TWO SHILLINGS" and the date 1947, or of a succeeding year. The Coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(3) **SHILLING**.—Every shilling shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse either

(a) Our Royal Crest of England, or

(b) Our Royal Crest of Scotland,

with the inscription "FID: DEF:IND:IMP" together with the words "ONE SHILLING" and the date 1947, or of a succeeding year. The Coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(4) **SIXPENCE**.—Every sixpence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse the letters "GRI" surmounted by a Crown, with the inscription "FID: DEF:IND:IMP", together with the word "SIXPENCE" and the date 1947, or of a succeeding year. The Coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(5) **THREEPENCE**.—Every cupro-nickel threepence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown and for the reverse the Shield of St. George superimposed upon a

Tudor Rose, with the inscription "FID:DEF:IND:IMP", together with the words "THREE-PENCE" and the date 1947, or of a succeeding year. The Coin shall have a plain edge.

This Proclamation shall come into force on this day.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace this Twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and in the Tenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING

A PROCLAMATION

Appointing Wednesday, the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, a Bank Holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas We consider it desirable that Wednesday, the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, shall be kept as a close holiday in all banks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and shall, as regards bills of Exchange and promissory notes payable in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, be deemed to be a bank holiday for all the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section four of the said Act, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, appoint the said first day of January to be observed as a bank holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

And we do declare that this Proclamation does not have the effect of making the said day a holiday under, or for the purposes of, the Holidays Extension Act, 1875.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six and in the Tenth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of November, 1946.

PRESENT

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 2nd day of November, 1946 (C.W.75772/45), in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person