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TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1952

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *November*, 1952.

PRESENT,

The **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

The following Draft Proclamation was this day read at the Board and approved.

F. J. Fernau.

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING NEW DESIGNS FOR GOLD, SILVER, CUPRO-NICKEL, MIXED METAL AND BRONZE COINS.

ELIZABETH R.

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 to determine new designs for the coins hereinafter specified, being certain of the gold, silver and bronze coins mentioned in the First Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1870, and of the cupro-nickel coins mentioned in the Schedule to the Coinage Act, 1946, and the coin of mixed metal mentioned in the Proclamation of Our Royal Predecessor King George VI dated the 18th day of March, 1937:

We, therefore, in pursuance of section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, 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 gold, silver, cupro-nickel, mixed metal and bronze coins shall be as follows:—

GOLD COINS.

(1) **Five-Pound Piece**—Every five-pound piece shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRA: BRITT: OMN: REGINA F: D:" and for the reverse the image of Saint George armed, sitting on horseback, attacking the dragon with a sword, and a broken spear upon the ground, and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(2) **Two-Pound Piece**—Every two-pound piece shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(3) **Sovereign**—Every sovereign shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(4) **Half-Sovereign**—Every half-sovereign shall have the same obverse and reverse impression and inscription in all respects as the five-pound piece. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

CUPRO-NICKEL COINS.

(1) **Crown**—Every crown shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy with the inscriptions "ELIZABETH II D: G: BR: OMN: REG: F: D:" and "FIVE SHILLINGS" and for the reverse the four Quarterings of Our Royal Arms each contained in a shield and arranged in saltire with, in the intervening spaces, a double Rose, a Thistle, both slipped and leaved, a sprig of Shamrock and a Leek; in the centre the Crown superimposed upon a Cross Paty, and in the base the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(2) **Half-Crown**—Every half-crown shall have for the obverse impression Our aforesaid effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA BRITT: OMN: REGINA" and for the reverse a Shield of Our Royal Arms between the letters E and R and surmounted by the Crown, with the inscriptions "FID: DEF:" and "HALF CROWN" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(3) **Florin**—Every florin shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse a double Rose within a circlet of radiating Thistles, Shamrocks and Leeks, with the inscriptions "FID: DEF:" and "TWO SHILLINGS" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

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

(a) the Shield of that Quartering of Our Royal Arms which displays Our Three Lions Passant Guardant, surmounted by the Crown, or

(b) the Shield of that Quartering of Our Royal Arms which displays Our Tressured Lion Rampant, surmounted by the Crown,

with the inscriptions "FID DEF" and "ONE SHILLING" and the date of the year placed across the shield. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

(5) **Sixpence**—Every sixpence shall have the same obverse impression and inscription as the half-crown, and for the reverse a Rose, a Thistle, both slipped and leaved, a sprig of Shamrock and a Leek, all interlaced about the stems, with the inscriptions "FID: DEF:" above and "SIX PENCE" and the date of the year. The coin shall have a graining upon the edge.

SILVER COINS.

The **Queen's Maundy Monies**—Every Maundy silver fourpence, threepence, twopence and penny shall have for the obverse impression Our aforesaid effigy with the inscription "ELIZABETH II DEI GRA: BRITT: OMN: REGINA F: D:" and for the reverse the respective figures "4", "3", "2", "1" (according to the denomination or value of the piece) in the centre, with the date of the year placed across the figure, and encircled with an oak wreath surmounted by the Crown. The coins shall have a plain edge.