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HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1
18th May 1988

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to award a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver) to the undermentioned:

Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver)
(to be dated 6th May 1988)

Glanwyn JENKINS, R. V.M. (9 SI)

H.M. TREASURY

Dated 6th May 1988

TRIAL OF THE PYX ORDER 1975 (as amended)

TRIAL OF THE PYX 1988

VERDICT of the Jury

We, the undersigned, were duly sworn on the 11th February 1988 before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London to assay gold, silver Maundy, silver, cupro-nickel and nickel brass coins of Her Majesty, which were produced to us by officers of the Royal Mint. Accounts of the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint were also produced to us and showed that the coins had been made by the Royal Mint in accordance with the Coinage Act 1971 and various Proclamations and had been delivered into the Despatch Office of the Royal Mint between the 1st January 1987 and 31st December 1987 inclusive.

In this verdict any reference to the permitted variation from standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter is to such variation from the standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter as is allowed by such Act and Proclamations.

We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that it corresponded with the number which the officers of the Royal Mint represented the packet to contain.

Gold Coins

- (a) We took out one coin from each of the three packets of coins of one hundred pounds, the two packets of coins of fifty pounds, the three packets of coins of twenty-five pounds, the three packets of coins of ten pounds and the single packets of coins of five pounds and two pounds and the sovereigns and half-sovereigns.
- (b) We weighed in bulk the coins taken out and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the variation being profit one (+0.1) of a gram above standard weight.
- (c) After weighing those coins, we melted the coins of one hundred pounds, fifty pounds, twenty-five pounds and ten pounds into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold produced to us by an officer of the Department of Trade and Industry, and we found that the metal of the ingot was within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the variation being point four four (+0.44) of a part per thousand above standard fineness.
- (d) Also after weighing those coins, we melted the coins of five pounds and two pounds and the sovereigns and half-sovereigns into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold, and we found that the metal of the ingot was within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the variation also being point four four (+0.44) of a part per thousand above standard fineness.
- (e) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the variation being one point seven (+1.7) grams above standard weight.
- (f) Finally, we took out of the residue four of each of the coins of one hundred pounds, fifty pounds, twenty-five pounds and ten pounds and three of each of the coins of five pounds and two pounds and the sovereigns and half-sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately. We found that each of the coins so weighed was within the permitted variation from standard weight, the least to the greatest of the variations in milligrams being as follows:

for the coins of one	two (+20)
hundred pounds:	fourteen (+14.0)
	nineteen (+19.0)
	and
	twenty (+20.0)
	above standard weight