
PROCLAMATION, DATED JULY 30, 1849, GIVING CURRENCY
TO A NEW SILVER COINAGE OF FLORINS OR TENTHS
OF A POUND.

BY THE QUEEN

A Proclamation.

Victoria, R.

Whereas by an Act passed in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the Third, intituled * * * [*Here follows the remainder of the first recital to the Proclamation of February 12, 1817, see p. 485 above*] :

And whereas by an Act, passed in the twelfth and thirteenth years of Our reign, intituled, "An Act to extend an Act of the fifty-sixth year of King George the Third for providing for a new silver coinage and for regulating the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm,"(b) the Master and Worker of Our Mint, in London, was authorised and empowered to coin, or cause to be coined, silver bullion into silver coins of the standard of fineness above mentioned, and in weight after the rate of sixty-six shillings to every pound troy, whether the same be coined in crowns, or in any pieces of a lower denomination :

And whereas We have thought fit to order that certain pieces of silver money should be coined to be called florins or tenths of a pound, and to be of the value of two shillings :

And whereas, pursuant to Our said Order, and in virtue of the power given by the said recited Acts, a coinage of the said florins or tenths of a pound, of the standard and at the rate aforesaid, has been made ; and

(a) 56 Geo. 3. c. 68, repealed by 33 & 34 Vict. c. 10. s. 20.

(b) 12 & 13 Vict. c. 41, repealed by 33 & 34 Vict. c. 10. s. 20.

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every such florin or one-tenth of a pound has for the obverse Our effigy, crowned, with the inscription “ Victoria Regina,” and the date of the year ; and for the reverse, the ensigns armorial of the United Kingdom contained in four shields, crosswise, each shield surmounted by the Royal Crown, with the rose in the centre, and in the compartments between the shields the national emblems of the rose, thistle, and shamrock, surrounded by the words, “ One Florin, One Tenth of a Pound,” and with a milled graining round the edge :

And whereas pieces of silver money of the above description have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders issued, and to be issued by Us :

We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation :

And We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of money so coined and to be coined, shall be current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of Our said kingdom by the names aforesaid, and at the value herein-before assigned to them.

Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this thirtieth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the thirteenth year of Our reign.

God save the Queen.
