

'An Account of the weight & fineness of several pieces of Scotch money': holograph notes for MINT00152 (/catalogue/record/MINT00152) (Mint 19/3/2-3).

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Intrinsic
Value

$54^{\text{d}} \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{32}$	A sixty shillings piece of Charles II 1682 weighing 425 ^{gr} , wors ij ^{dwt}
$54^{\frac{7}{8}}$	A sixty shillings piece of William & Mary 1691, weighing 425 ^{gr} , standard
36^{d}	A forty shillings piece of King William 1695 weighing 283 ^{gr} , work ij ^{dwt}
$21^{\frac{7}{8}}$	A twenty six shillings & 8 pence piece (Hattons two mark piece) of Charles II 1673 weight 175 ^{gr} , wors vij ^{dwt}
$18^{\frac{1}{4}}$	A twenty shillings piece of King William 1695 wieghing 141 ^{gr} , standard.
$13^{\frac{1}{16}}$	A thirteen shillings & four pence piece of Charles II 1675 weight 102 ^{gr} wors ij ^{dwt}
$10^{\frac{3}{4}}$	A $13^{\frac{1}{3}}$ shhillings piece (Hattons Mark) piece of Charles II weighing 86 ^{gr} wors vij ^{dwt}
$9^{\frac{1}{6}}$	A tenn shillings piece of King Iames II weighing 71 ^{gr} , standard
$5^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{16}$	A six shillings & 8 ^d piece of Charles II, (Hattons Half mark) weighing 42 ^{gr} , worse iiij ^{dwt}

$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{32}$ A five shillings piece of King William weighing 35^{gr} worse $1\frac{1}{2}$ ^{dwt}.

Whence I observe that in taking Scotch shillings for English pence there ought to be a discount of 10 per cent: And particularly a Scotch [\[1\]](#) shillings piece is worth in England [\[2\]](#) intrinsic value
And a Scotch [\[3\]](#) is worth in England [\[4\]](#)

Hatton (Lauderdale's brother) coyned money of two base allay for which he was accused by D. Hamilton & went out about the time of Lauderdale's disgrace neare the end of Cha{:} II'{s} reign. All his money was ordered to be recoyned & now is not current in Scotland.

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Sixty two shillings scotch make a scotch ounce Troy as 62^d English make english ounce Troy except that the Scotch money is made lighter by 4^s Scotch in the Scotch three **{illeg}** piece, or in the proportion of 15 to 14 to prevent the melting down of their money.

The most current money in Scotland at present are 40 20 10 & 5^s pieces

[1] $\left. \begin{array}{l} 5 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{array} \right\}$

[2] $\left. \begin{array}{l} 4\frac{1}{2}^d \\ 9 \\ 13\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$

[3] $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{half mark} \\ \text{Mark} \\ \text{Pound} \end{array} \right\}$

[4] $\left. \begin{array}{l} 6^d. \\ 12. \\ 18 \end{array} \right\}$
