## 'Coyns weighed and assayed': holograph notes on miscellaneous European coins, three sketches showing individual designs, and an addendum dated 20 June 1711 on Mexican coins.

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## Coyns weighed & assayed

A silver piece of Venice. The foreside like the Zakeens vizt Christ blessing the Duke. A Lyon rampant holding a Palm branch in one paw & a cross in the other with this inscription Fides & Victoria. Weight  $17^{dwt}$ .  $9gr_{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Worn  $\frac{1}{2}gr$ . Worse  $2^{oz}$   $6^{dwt}$ . onteins  $13^{dwt}$ . 13gr.  $10^{m}$ 

Another silver piece vzt<sup>t</sup> the Ducat. The foreside the same. The Reverse a winged Lyon passant holding a coat of Arms with this motto Ducatus Venetus. Weight  $14^{dw^t}$   $12\frac{1}{2}$  grains Worn  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain or  $1^{gr}$  Worse  $1^{oz}$   $3^{dw^t}$ . Another found it worse  $1^{oz}$   $4^{dwt}$ .

A third  $\mathfrak D$  piece of two Iules. The foreside the same. The Reverse Christ holding a globe with this inscription. Gloria tibi soli. Weight  $3^{dwt}$   $9^{\frac{1}{4}gr}$ . Worn 5 or  $6^{gr}$ . Better  $6^{dwt}$ . standard  $3^d$ .  $16^g$ .  $12^m$ .

A Sevil piece of eight. On the fireside a mixt coat of arms crowned with this inscription Carolus II D. G. & the figure 8 on the right hand side On the reverse a Lyon rampant & a castel quartered with the inscription Hispaniarum Rex 1697. The weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $10\frac{3}{4}$  grains. New coynd. Better  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ 

Another of the same dated new coynd weighing 17<sup>dwt</sup>. 8<sup>gr</sup>.

A half pence of eight of the same coyn & form dated 1683 unworn. Dated 1683 Weight  $8^{\text{dwt}}$   $7^{\text{gr}}$  Worse  $7^{\text{dwt}}$ 

These three pieces & the next glittered like money new out of the Mint & were wholly unworne, & they were all edged like Portugal money.

Another unworn piece. On the foreside a Lyon rampant & Castell quartered in a scutcheon crowned with this inscription Carolus II D. G. Hispaniarum Rex & on the Reverse this figure  $\Phi$  & about it this inscription Virtute & Protectione 1700 Its a new Piece of 8 in proportion to the former as 4 to 5. The weight  $14^{dw^t}$   $0^{gr} \frac{1}{4}$ . Worse  $2^{dwt}$ .

Four Pillar pieces of 8 dated 1678 1693 1694 1698 weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $17^{\frac{1}{4}}$  gr  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $14^{\text{gr}}$ .  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $18^{\text{gr}}$ ,  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $17^{\frac{1}{4}}$  gr They have on one side a Lyon rampant & Castel quartered, with the four arms of a great cross between them. On the other Hercules Pillars with Plus ultra. The figure of 8 between the Pillars & water flowing underneath. Assay Better  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ , Better  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ . standard Better  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ .

Three Mexico pieces of 8 not round but very irregularly shaped weighing  $17^{dw^t}$   $20^{gr}$   $17^{dw^t}$   $19\frac{1}{2}^{gr}$  &  $17^{dwt}$   $8^{gr}$  At a middle recconing  $17^{dwt}$ . 16 grains. Worse  $1^{dwt}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}^{dwt}$ .  $3^{dwt}$ .

A new Dutch piece of 3 Guilders or  $10^s$  coyned in Zeland with an armed man & the arms of Zeland before one of his Leggs & this inscription Luctor et emergo on the foreside. And on the Reverse the arms of the seven Provinces in 7 Escutcheons & this inscription Mo. no. Arg. Ordin. Zelandiæ 1687. And among the Escutcheons 10 schellings that is tenn schellings. The weight  $17^{dw}$   $9^{gr}$ .

Two new Legg Dollar coyned 1701, weighing  $18^{dw^t} - 1g^r \& 18^{dw^t} + 1\frac{1}{4}g^r$ . Worse  $14\frac{1}{2}^{dwt}$ 

A new Ducaton of Holland coyned 1675. weighing 10z. 1dwt.

A piece of 28 stvyers called a Gout Gulden or Floren d'or coyned 1684 weighing  $12^{dwt}$   $16^{gr}$  & lightned 2 or  $3^{gr}$  by wearing. On one side a large spread Eagle with this inscription Leo. IGN. D. G. ELEG. ROM. IMP. SEM. AVG. On the other side a spread Eagle in an escutcheon crowned with this inscription. Mo. or. arg. civ. Daventriæ. 1684. And on both sides the Scutcheon 28 styvers that is 28 styvers. Worse  $3^{oz}$   $3^{dwt}$ .

Two Testons of the Pope or piece of 3 Iules well coyned & unworn. On one side a coat of arms with a Phœnix in the crest. & the triple crown above it & this Inscription Innocen. XI. Pont. m. a. IX On the other side in streight lines, melius est day quam accipere. The weight  $5^{dw^t}$ .  $21^{gr} \frac{5}{6}$ .  $5^{dw^t}$ .  $21^{gr} \frac{2}{3} g^r$ . Assay worse  $1^{dwt}$ , standard.

A Crusado Croisat or Genoise of Genoa weighing 24 pennyweight 8<sup>gr</sup> lightned 3, 4 or 5 grains by wearing. On one side a great Cross & about it Dux et Gub. Reip. Genu. On the other side a man or woman on <39v> a loud with a child in his/her arms, & a scepter in the right hand & about it ET RE{DE} EOS 1692. Better 7<sup>dwt</sup>

A Teston (or rather two Lires) of Genoa weighing  $6^{\text{dw}^{\text{t}}}$   $19\frac{1}{4}\text{gr}$ , not worn above  $\frac{1}{4}\text{gr}$ . Well conyed. On one side a saint standing & about him. Non surrexit major 1696. On the other wise Cross in a coat of arms supports with winged Dragons & about it Dux et Guber. Reipub Genu

An 8 mark piece of Swedeland not worn. The kings head on one side with this insciption Carolus XI D.G. Rex Sue. On the other side three crown in an Escutcheon crowned with 8 M at the sides of the Scutcheon & about it Dominus Protector mens 1692 & on the edge Manibus ne Cædar avaris. The weight  $19^{\text{dwt}}$   $22\frac{1}{4}$  grains.

Another with the same cypher crowned & about it Pietate et Iustitia & on the Reverse a Lyon passant crowned & about it IIII Marck Danske 1697. Not worn The weight  $14^{\text{dwt}}$   $7\frac{1}{2}$  gr. Worse  $3^{\text{oz}}$   $1\frac{1}{2}^{\text{dwt}}$ .

Another with the same Cypher crowned & no inscription & on the Reverse 3 Lyons passant in an escutcheon crowned & about it IIII Marck Danske 1694. Not worn. The weight  $14^{\rm dwt}$   $10^{\rm gr}$ .

A coyn of the Duke of Brunswick & Lunenburg weighing  $8^{dw^t}$   $10^{gr}$ . worn  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain. On one side a mixt coat of arms crowned with 1700 on the sides & about it Georg. Lud. D. G. D. Br & Lun. S. R. I. Et. And on the other side a Horse running & above it In recto decus. & underneath FEIN  $\frac{2}{3}$  SILB. Better  $17^{dwt}$ .

A Peru Piece of 8 weighing  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $23^{\text{gr}}$ . Another  $16^{\text{dwt}}$   $20\frac{1}{2}^{\text{gr}}$ . Another  $17^{\text{dw}}$   $9^{\text{gr}}$  Another  $16^{\text{dwt}}$   $7^{\text{gr}}$  Another  $16^{\text{dwt}}$   $10^{\text{gr}}$  Another  $16^{\text{dw}}$   $11^{\text{gr}}$ . A quarter piece  $4^{\text{dwt}}$   $13\frac{1}{2}^{\text{gr}}$ . Worn 3 or 4 gains a piece Worse  $4^{\text{dwt}}$   $6^{\text{dw}}$   $2^{\text{dwt}}$   $2^{\text{dwt}}$   $2^{\text{dwt}}$   $2^{\text{dwt}}$   $2^{\text{dwt}}$ 

A new Peru piece of 8 rudely coyned weight  $12^d$   $17^{gr}$  worn 2 or  $3^{gr}$ . A  $\frac{1}{2}$  new piece of 8 rudely coynd. weight  $6^{dw^t}$   $22\frac{3}{4}^{gr}$  worn a grain The stamp of these two pieces were like the Sevil pieces but very rude like pillar pieces & pieces of Peru. Worse  $5\frac{1}{2}$ . Worse  $2^{dwt}$ .

A Dutch Gout Gulden or piece of 28 Styvers. On one side a man holding a sword on his shoulder with 28 styvers on each side of his neck & this inscription Nisi Dominus nobiscum 1665. On the reverse two Lyons passant in an Escutcheon crownd & about them enus Argent. Ordi. Frisiæ. The weight  $10^{\rm dwt}$  22 grains. Worn  $2^{\rm gr}$  worse  $2^{\rm oz}$ .

A Ducaton of Holland 1679 not worn above  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain. weight  $20^{\text{dwt}}$   $21\frac{1}{2}$  grains Better, Another 1673 worse 1 or  $2^{\text{gr}}$ . Weight  $20^{\text{dwt}}$   $22^{\text{gr}}$ . Better  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pennyweight.

A double Ducaton of Flanders of he same form with the single ones coynd 1631 The inscription Phil IIII D.G. Hisp & Indiar. Rex 1631 &c Weight 2<sup>oz</sup> 1<sup>dwt</sup> 8<sup>gr</sup>. Worn 4 or 5 grains

A double Lewis of Lewis 13. On one side his head & this inscription Ludovicus XIII D. G Fran. et Navarræ Rex & underneath 1618. On the other side a flourishing Cross with 4 Flower de Luces at the ends of it & L in the center & round about, Sit nomen Domini benedictum. The weight  $36^{dw^t}$ .  $1^{gr}$ . Worn 3 or 4 grains. Edged with this inscription Iustissimi Regis Perennitati.

A piece of Hen IV of France A flourishing cross on one side with the inscription Henricus IIII D.G. Franc et Navar. Rex. & on the Reverse 3 Flower de Luces with an escutcheon crowned & on either side II TI & about it Sit nomen Domini benedictum. Weight 6<sup>dwt</sup> 4<sup>gr</sup>. worn 2 or 3 grains.

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A Cross Dollar with a flourishing Cross & about it Carol II D. G Hispan et Indiarum Rex. And on the reverse a coat of arms crowned with the inscriptio{n} Archid. Aust. Dux Burg. C. Fland. 1694. Weight  $18^{dwt}$  4gr Not worn glossy out of the Mint. Worse  $11^{dwt}$ .

A Sevil piece of 50 Reals or  $6\frac{1}{4}$  pieces of 8 of the same form with single Sevil pieces of 8. weight 5 ounces  $12^{dw^t}$   $3^{gr}$ . Worn 8 or  $10^{gr}$ . The inscription Philip. IIII D. G. Hispaniarum Rex 1631. Hence pieces of 8 then weight  $18^{dwt}$  by law.

A Sevil  $\frac{1}{2}$  piece of 8. Weight  $8^{\text{dwt}}$   $3^{\text{gr}}$ . worn a grain. Coyn 1684. Worse  $5^{\text{dwt}}$ 

A quarter piece coyned 1682 Weight  $4^{\text{dwt}}$   $7^{\text{gr}}$  Worn  $\frac{1}{3}$  grains. Better  $0^{\frac{1}{2}}$  dwt.

Three-pieces (Ducats) of the present Duke of Tuscany. His head on one side with this inscription Cosmus III. D. G. Ma. Du. Etruriæ VI. On the other wise Iohn baptizing Christ & about them Filius meus dilectus. All coyned in 1676 Their weight  $20^{\text{dw}^{\text{t}}}$   $3^{\text{gr}}$ ,  $20^{\text{dwt}}$   $3^{\text{gr}}$ ,  $20^{\text{dwt}}$   $2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  New coynd, glossy & not worn. Better  $8^{\text{dwt}}$ ,  $8^{\text{dwt}}$ , Contein  $1^{\text{oz}}$ .  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ .  $0^{\text{gr}}$ .  $8^{\text{m}}$  standard. Value  $5^{\text{s}}$   $5^{\text{d}}$ . Another 1676 Weight  $20^{\text{dw}}$ .  $0^{\text{gr}}$  Better  $9^{\text{dwt}}$ .

Two other pieces (Ducats) of Ferdinand II Duke of Tuscany coynd 1635. Their weight  $1^{oz}$   $1^{dwt}$   $1^{gr}$  &  $1^{oz}$   $0^{dwt}$   $21^{gr}$ . Not worn but glossy out of the Mint. On one side the Dukes head inscribed Ferdinand. II magn. Dux Etruriæ. On the other Iohn Baptist inscribed Ioannes Baptista. Better  $7\frac{1}{2}^{dw}$ . Better

Another piece (Piastre) of Ferdinand II coyned 1666 not worn but glossy out of the Mint On one side the Dukes head with a coronet & this inscription Ferdinandus II Mag. Dux Etr. V. On the other side the Haven of Leghorn with this inscription Patet et favet. The weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$   $11\frac{1}{4}\text{gr}$ . Worse  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ . Another unworn of Cosmus III 1670. Weight  $17^{\text{dwt}}$ .  $12^{\text{gr}}$  standard.

Another piece (a Piastre) of Cosmus III coyned 1670 Not worn, glossy out of the Mint. On one side seven mullets in an Escutcheon crowned, & about it Cosmus III mag. Dux Etruriæ VI 1670. On the other a Rose tree & about it Gratia obvia ultio quæsita. Liberni. The weight  $16^{\text{dwt}}$   $17\frac{1}{2}$  gr. Worse  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ . Standard  $16^{\text{dw}}$ .  $15^g$ .  $16^m$ . Value  $4^s$ .  $3^d\frac{2}{3}$ . Another unworn 1670 Weight  $16^{\text{dwt}}$   $18^{\text{gr}}$ . Worse  $1^{\text{dwt}}$ .

Note that the monies of the present Duke are lighter then those of his father by 4 per cent. And that the 3 first are to the last but one & the two next to the last as 6 to 5 that is the Ducats to the Piastres. the Ducats being 7 Lires just & the Piastres 6 Lires or  $5\frac{3}{4}$  or rather  $5\frac{5}{6}$  that is  $5^{\text{lires}}$ .  $16^{\text{s}}$ .  $8^{\text{d}}$ .

Two Rix dollars of Ferdinand Arch-Duke of Austria weighing  $17^{dwt}$   $22^{gr}$  &  $18^{dwt}$   $6\frac{1}{2}$  grains. The first worn 3 or 4 grains the second not a grain. These & three others weig{hed} before come one with another to  $18^{dw^{t}}$  2  $\frac{1}{3}$  & when new out of the Mint to  $18^{dw^{t}}$   $4\frac{1}{2}$ {gr} Assay  $10^{dwt}$  &  $10\frac{1}{2}$ dwt worse.

A Barbary Ducat with Arabic letters on both sides in square tablets without any effigies or escutcheon. Weight  $2^{dw^t}$   $16\frac{1}{4}$ gr. Worse  $2^{car}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$ gr.

A Poland Ducat of King Casimire 1657 The kings head on one side & about it Io. Casi. D.G. Rex P. & S. And on the other side a spread eagle & horsman quartered in an escutcheon crowned & about it MON. AVREA REG. POL. 1657. Weight  $2^{\text{dwt}}$ .  $5^{\text{gr}}$ . Better  $1^{\text{car}}$   $0\frac{1}{2}^{\text{gr}}$ .

Two Holland Ducats 
$$2^{dwt}$$
  $5^{\frac{1}{2}gr}$   $2^{wt}$   $5^{\frac{1}{2}gr}$  The last unworn, the first also unworn. Betterness  $1^{car}$   $1^{\frac{1}{2}gr}$   $1^{car}$   $2^{gr}$ 

On one side a man armed with a sword in one hand & seven darts in the other & about him Concordia rss parvæ crescunt. On the other side in a square these words MO. ORD. PROVIN. FOEDER. BELG. AD LEG. IMP.

A Hungary Ducat or Ducat of {Kemper} in the {Bishprac} of Carlen coynd 1656. On one side an armed man with a sword in one hand & globe in the other & about him Ferd. III. D. G. R. I. VNG. BO. REX. On the other side in a squa{re} MO. NOV. AVREA VICITA. IMPERI CAMPEN. Weight  $2^{\text{dwt}}$   $5\frac{1}{3}^{\text{gr}}$  worn  $\frac{1}{6}$  grains. Better  $1^{\text{Car}}$ .  $2^{\text{gr}}$ .

A Ducat with an Escutcheon crowned with a Mitre & about it Franciscus D. G. Eps Bame. W. Fr. O. Dux. And on the other side Clypeus omnibus in te sperantibus & within it the Virgin on a cloud with Christ in one arm & a scepter in the other hand. Coynd 1637. Not worn. The weight 2<sup>dwt</sup> 6<sup>gr</sup>. Better 1<sup>car</sup>. 2<sup>gr</sup>.

Another of the same. Not worn. Coynd 1638. Weight  $2^{\text{dwt}} 5^{\text{gr}} \frac{1}{3}$ .

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A piece of the Duke of Hannover his head & about it Ioannes Fredericus D. G. Dux Br. & L. On the reverse a Palm tree on a rock in the sea between two ships & about it. Ex duris. Gloria Anno M. DC. LXXIX & underneath V. Fein. Silver H  $\frac{1}{3}$  B. That is very fine silver  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a (new) Doller. Weight  $4^{\text{dw}^{\text{t}}}$   $17\frac{1}{4}^{\text{gr}}$ . Worn  $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{gr}}$  or not so much.

A coyn of Cosmus II Duke of Tuscany 1621. About his head Cosmus II mag. Dux Etruriæ IIII 1621. On the Reverse in a crowned coat of arms 7 mullets & about it Pisa invetustæ majestatis mem. Weight  $18^{\text{dwt}} \ 2\frac{1}{2}^{\text{gr}}$ . Worn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  grains. Worse  $7\frac{1}{2}^{\text{dwt}}$ 

Anno 1711 Iune 20<sup>th</sup>. Six pillar pieces of eight dated 1691, 1696, 1697, 1699, 1701 Weight not taken. Assay, Worse ob<sup>wt</sup>, standard. Worse  $1\frac{1}{2}$ dw<sup>t</sup>, better 1dw<sup>t</sup> Better 1dw<sup>t</sup>. standard. The inscription about the Arms was Carolus II. D. G. Hispaniarum Rex. On the Pillar's side was the word Potusi. A.

Anno 1711 Iune  $20^{th}$  Six Mexico pieces of eight. Better  $ob^{w^t}$ , Worse  $ob^{w^t}$ , Worse  $1^{dw^t}$ , worse  $1^d$   $ob^{w^t}$ , Worse  $ij^{dw^t}$ . One with another worse  $1^{dwt}\frac{1}{12}$ . All of them worn. On one side a mixt coat of arms crowned with this inscription Philippus IIII D.G. Hispaniarum & on the other side a Lyon rampant & castle quartered with the four branches of a large cross between them & this inscription & Indiarum Rex. A thousand of these pieces should weigh 875 ounces Troy. They usually weigh but 872 ounces & sometimes but 870 or 869. The arms crowned are of this form  $\Phi$  The reverse  $\Phi$