Holograph note on the weight of samples of copper coins.

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Novemb 1^{st} 1700 A pound of old Tinn farthings made in tale 1^{s} . 6^{d}

Another pound of farthings made in tale 1s $1^{d}\frac{3}{4}$

A pound of pewter half pence made in tale 1s $5^{d}\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{16}$

Another pound made 1^s $5^{\frac{3}{4}}$

Another pound of Tin or pewter half pence made 1^S $5\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8}$

Several half pence little worn being pickt out (viz^t 13 in number) of them weighed about 172 grains each & the other five about 160^{gr} each, so that some of them seem to have been coyned at 17^d to the pound weight & others at 18^d to the pound weight. And one with another they make $17\frac{1}{2}$ to the pound weight or thereabouts. Of those which weighed 172^{gr} , 6 were dated 1692 the other two 1690. The other five which were lighter were dated 1690 **{illeg}**les one of them were 1691 & another 1692, for the numbers were blind.

These half pence therefore seem first to have been coyned 18 & afterwards 17 to the pound weight Troy, or 21 & 20 to the pound weight Averdupois.