

Calculations of the weight and value of the new louis d'or and louis d'argent which are to be made current in Ireland.

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To the most honourable the Earl of Oxford & Earl Mortimer Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain.

May it please your Lordship

According to your Lordships Order of Reference signified to us by Lowndes his Letter dated 29th of April last we have considered the annexed Letter of the Lords of the Privy Council in Ireland concerning the making current the new French moneys of Gold & Silver in that kingdom, together with the annexed Report of M^r Vincent Kidder Assaymaster there concerning the intrinsic values of those moneys. And by the weight of 55000 Louidors of the new species amounting to 1197^{Lwt} 1^{oz} 11^{dwt} we find that singly they are in weight one with another 5^{dwt} 4^{gr} 9¹/₂^{mi} And by the Assays of several Ingots melted out of new Louidors compared with the Assays of many single pieces We find that they are at a medium one grain & one 12th part of a grain worse then standard. And therefore by the weight & assay together they are singly worth but twenty shillings & six pence in England. And in Ireland where a Guinea passes for 1^{li} 3^s they are worth 1^{li} 1^s 11^d ¹/₂, & in our humble opinion should not pass there for more then 1^{li} 2^s. At which rate the half Lewidor may pas for 11^s & the Quarter for 5^s 6^d.

Fifteen hundred silver Louisses of the new species weighed 1470 ounces, & therefore one with another they weigh singly an ounce wanting 9^{gr} 12^{mites}. They are an halfpenny weight worse then standard one with another, & therefore their standard weight at a medium is an ounce wanting 10¹/₃ grains. And so they are wroth 5^s & three farthings a piece in England at present. And in Ireland where a Crown piece English passes for 5^s 5^d these Lewises singly are worth 5^s 5^d ³/₄ ¹/₁₆, & in the nearest rownd number may pass for 5^s 6^d & the half Lewises for 2^s 9^d & the Quarter pieces for 16¹/₂^d.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships great wisdom
