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The manner of making the standard Trial pieces.

After the making of new standard Trial pieces is resolved upon The Lord Chancellour may send his Letter to the Wardens & Company of Goldsmiths to return him the names of an able Iury to make the standards. The Iury for this purpose has been of 12 persons or more.

The return of the names being made, his Lordship may send his Warrant by his Serjeant at Arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to attend his Lordship at the time appointed.

And when they attend his Lordship may call to his Serjeant at arms for his Warrant for summoning them & order the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who may attend with a Copy of an Oath to be given the Iury, & the Oath being administred the Lord Chancellour may give the Iury in charge to make with all exactness imaginable & according their best skill & endeavour One standard of crown gold conteining in the pound weight Troy eleven ounces of fine gold & one ounce of copper allay, & one standard of sterling silver conteining in the pound weight eleven ounces & two penny weight of fine silver & eighteen penny weight of copper allay, & to indent & divide each into seven equal parts & to inscribe & print each part in such manner as hath been usually done. And his Lordship may also appoint the time when & where to attend him with their Veredict & with the said Indented Triall pieces.

And when the Veredict is returned, his Lordship or his Order delivers the said Trial Pieces according to her Majesties directions expressed in the Indenture of the Mint or otherwise, taking Receipts from the persons to whom they are delivered, viz^t from the Auditors & Deputy Chamberlains of the two Exchequers (if there be such Officers in Scotland) from the Wardens & Masters of the two Mints, & from the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London, & sends the Veredict & Receipts to the Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury to be entered & kept in the Treasury by the Deputy Remembrancers

That piece which tallies with all the rest, is to be delivered into the Treasury at Westminster, the two delivered to the Officers of the Mint in the Tower are to tally with one another & one of them with that delivered to Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths, & of the three sent into Scotland that which tallies with the other two may be delivered into the Treasury there that upon the trial of the Pix they may both be examined by it. The print upon the trial pieces has usually been the stamp of the current money & the inscription upon them has been in the following form

This standard commixed of 22 carrets of fine gold & 2 Carrets of allay in the pound weight Troy of England 20 Iun. 1707.

This standard commixed of 11^{oz} 2^{dw^t} of fine silver & 18^{dw^t} of allay in the pound weight Troy of England made 20 Iun. 1707

The trial piece of silver for the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths may be kept in the Treasury untill they may have occasion for it.

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How new standard Trial Pieces may be made.

Vpon an order of the Queen or Council for making & delivering six new standard Trial pieces of Gold & as many of silver, the Lord Chancellour of great Britain may send his letter to the Wardens & Company of Goldsmiths to return him the names of an able Iury to make the standards. The Iury for this purpose has been of 12 or 15 persons.

The names being returned, his Lordship may send his Warrant by his Serjeant at arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to attend his Lordship at a time & place appointed by him.

When they attend, his Lordship may call to his Serjeant at arms for his Warrant for summoning them & appoint the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy, who may attend with a copy of an oath to be given to the Iury: & the Oath being administred the Lord Chancellour may give the Iury in charge to make two Standards the one of crown gold the other of sterling silver with all the skill & exactness imaginable & to indent & divide each into six equal parts according to their best endeavours & to inscribe & print the same as formerly, & may appoint the time when & where to attend with their Veredict & with the said indented Trial pieces.

Which being done, his Lordship may deliver the said Trial pieces or order them to be delivered according to her Majestys directions upon receipts mutually given for the same, & may send the Veredict & Receipts to the Treasury to be entered & kept by the Deputy Remembrancer.

The print has formerly been that of the money, suppose of a Guinea on the Gold & a shilling on the silver, & the impressions have been as follows. This standard commixed of 22 carrets of fine gold & 2 carrets of allay in the pound weight Troy of England 20 Aug. 1605. This standard commixed of 11^{oz} 2^{dw^t} of fine silver & 18^{dw^t} of allay in the pound weight Troy of England made 20 Aug. 1605. And the like inscriptions may be still used putting great Britain for England.

The Trial pieces may be delivered to the same Officers & for the same uses as formerly, unless that which was delivered to the Treasury in Scotland for trying the moneys be now delivered to the General & Warden of the Mint at Edinborough & that which was delivered to the General & Officers of that Mint for making the moneys be now delivered to the General & Master of the same Mint. For it seems conformable to the Act of Vnion that the moneys of both Mints be henceforward tried before the Queen & Council after one & the same manner by a Iury of Goldsmiths & by the standards of great Britain, & be made & examined in both Mints alike by two Trial pieces kept the one by the Master for making the moneys & the other by the Warden for trying them before delivery, & for deciding controversies between the Master & the Merchant about the bullion, as is done in the Tower.

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How new standard Trial pieces may be made

Vpon an order of the Queen or Council for making & delivering new standard trial pieces of Gold & silver The Lord Chancellour of great Britain sends his letter to the Wardens & Company of Goldsmiths to return him the names of an able Iury to make the standards. The Iury for this purpose has been of 12 or 15 persons.

The names being returned, his Lordship sends his Warrant by his Serjeant at arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to attend his Lordship at a time appointed by him.

And when they attend, his Lordship calls to his Serjeant at arms for his Warrant for summoning them & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends with a copy of an Oath to be given to the Iury, & the Oath being administred the Lord Chancellour gives the Iury in Charge to make the said two Standards with all the skill & exactnes imaginable, & to indent & divid^e each into six equal parts according to their best endeavours & to inscribe & print the same, & appoints the time when & where to attend with their Veredict & with the said indented trial pieces.

Which being done his Lordship delivers the said Trial pieces or orders them to be delivered according to her Majestys directions upon Receipts mutually given for the same, & sends the Veredict & Receipts to the Lord Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury to be entered into the Treasury & kept by the Deputy Remembrancer.

The print has been that of the money suppose of a Guinea on the Gold & a shilling on the silver, & the Inscriptions have been as follows. This standard commixed of 22 carrets of fine gold & 2 carrets of allay in the pound weight Troy of England 20 Aug. 1605 This standard commixed of 11^{oz} 2^{dwt} of fine silver & 18^{dwt} of allay in the pound weight Troy of England made 20 Aug. 1605. And the like inscriptions may be still used putting great Britain for England.

One of the last Trial pieces of each metal remains now in the Treasury with the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer for trial of the Pix, One with the Warden of the Mint for trying the moneys & deciding questions about the bullion, One with the Master & Worker for making the moneys, One with the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths for trying their works of gold & silver, One in the Treasury in Scotland for trying the moneys there with the General & other Officers of the Mint in Scotland for making the moneys there. Perhaps it will be more conformable to the Act of Vnion that the moneys of both Mints be henceforward tried before the Queen & Council after one & the same manner with the standards of great Britain by a Iury of Goldsmiths & be made & examined by two Trial pieces in both Mints alike, & for that end that one of the Trial pieces made for Scotland be kept the by the Master of that Mint for making the moneys, & the other by the Warden for trying them before delivery, & for deciding controversies between the Master & the Merchant about the Bullion, as is done in the Tower.

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The Trial pieces may be delivered to the same Officers & for the same uses as formerly, unless that which was delivered to the Treasury in Scotland be now delivered to the General & Warden of the Mint at Edinborough & that which was forme^{rly} delivered to the General & Officers of that Mint be now delivered to the Gener^{al} & Master of the same Mint. For it seems conformable to the Act of Vnion that

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Her Majesty or her Council orders that one new standard of Crown gold & one of sterling silver be made & each divided into six indented Trial pieces to be delivered according to her Majestys directions.

The Lord Chancellour sends his Letter to the Wardens & Company of Goldsmiths to return him the names of an able Iury to make the standards. The jury for this purpose has been of 12 or 5 persons.

The return of the names being made to his Lordship, he sends his Warrant by his Serjeant at Arms or Serjeants Deputy to summon the Iury by their names to attend his Lordship at the time appointed.

And when they attend, the Lord Chancellour calls to his Serjeant at Arms for his Warrant for summoning them & appoints the same to be delivered to the Remembrancers Deputy who attends with a copy of an Oath to be given the Iury & the Oath being administred the Lord Chancellour gives the Iury in charge to make the said standards with all the exactness imaginable & to indent & divide each into six equal parts according to their best endeavours & to inscribe & print th^{em} & appoints the time when & where to attend with their Veredict under their hands, & with the said indented trial pieces.

Which being done The Lord Chancellour delivers the said Trial pieces by himself or his Agent according to her Majestys directions upon Receipts for the same, & sends the Veredict & receipts to the Lord Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury to be entered in the Treasury & kept by the Deputy Remembrancer.

By the Indenture of the Mint One Trial piece of each metal is to be delivered into the Treasury to be kept by the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer for trial of the Pix, one to the Warden of the mint for trying the new moneys & bullion, one to the Master & Worker for making the moneys, one to the Wardens of the company of goldsmiths for making & trying the plate, one into the Treasury of Scotland to try the moneys & one to the General & other Officers of the Mint in Scotland to make the money. But it may be \ddagger < insertion from the bottom of the page > \ddagger considered whether it will not be more conformable to the Act of Vnion that the moneys of both Mints be henceforward tried in the same manner that is by a jury of Goldsmiths before the Queen & Council be a jury of Goldsmiths by the standards of great Britain kept in the exchequer & that both the Trial pieces of each metal be delivered to the General & Officers of the Mint at Edinborough, the one to be kept by the Warden of that Mint for trying the new Bullion & moneys before delivery, the other to be kept of the Master of that Mint for making the moneys as is done in the Mint in the Tower.

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NB. The standard of \odot may weigh about 20 or 24 ounces of crown gold = 96 pounds & that of silver 66 or 72 ounces of standard silver = 18. 12^s, before it be divided into six pieces,

This standard commixed of 22 carrets of fine gold & 2 carrets 11^{oz} 2^{dw^t} of fine silver & 12 penny weight } of allay in the pound weight Troy of great Brittain 20 Iun. 1707
