

feéblage, (2) and escharseties (3) in the remedies (4) of the Ordinance, in consideration of the advances which said Company shall make of the materials, risks, freight charges of said specie coins in said countries.

“On these accounts and other considerations actuating Us through the advice of Our Council, and our certain knowledge, full power and royal authority. We have said and ordained, we say and ordain, we will and it pleases Us, by these presents, signed with Our hand, that it be immediately proceeded with, in the Mint Hall of our said city of Paris to strike off the following pieces, to the amount of the sum of one hundred thousand livres, to be current in the islands and mainland of America, and other places of the concession of said Company of the West Indies only, namely: thirty thousand livres in pieces of fifteen *sols*, and fifty thousand *livres* in pieces of five *sols* of the same weight, *remedy* and value as those which are current in Our Kingdom; and, besides, twenty thousand livres of doubles in pure cake-copper of the same cut and *remedy* as those which are also current in Our Kingdom for two deniers—all of which pieces of coins shall be made in the mill with the coining-press and dies, to wit; those of fifteen and of five *sols*, like Our pieces of fifteen and of five *sols*, with these words, on one side, *Ludovicus decimus quartus Franciæ et Navarræ rex* and on the reverse: *Gloriam regni tui dicent*; and the said copper doubles, on one side, a crowned L, with the same words on the reverse: *Ludovicus decimus quartus Franciæ et Navarræ rex*, together with these words: *Double de l'Amérique Française*, same legend; and to this end, the necessary stamps, squares and dies immediately made by the die-sinker general, on condition of a reasonable salary, the said pieces of coins to have currency in said countries of the value above ordained, and to be forwarded there by said Company, and the same received by said inhabitants in commerce, without their being allowed to be transported, nor Our other subjects be permitted to receive them or give them currency in France, under penalty of the confiscation of said pieces of coins, and of exemplary punishment. And in consideration of the advances which the members of said Company shall make of the materials and risks, freight charges in sending said coins in said countries, We have remitted and We remit them, by these presents, Our right of seigniorage, feéblage and escharseties in the remedies of the Ordinance.

“We give order to Our beloved trusty councillors, the persons having charge of Our Mint-Hall to cause these presents to be read, published and registered, and their contents to be executed, kept and observed according to their form and tenor, and to deliver said pieces of coins to the general directors of said Company of the West Indies to the amount of said sum of one hundred thousand livres *only*; and, after completion of said work, to deform said stamps, squares and dies which shall have served for this fabrication, notwithstanding all things contrary thereto, oppositions and impediments whatsoever, of which—if any should arise—We reserve the cognizance to Ourselves and Our Council, and We forbid the same to Our other Courts and judges; and full credence shall

(2) FEEBLAGE.—This term means diminution in the weight of coins, as allowed the ordinances to the masters of the mint.

(3) ESCHARSETIES.—A numismatic term derived from the old French word *Eschars*, which means avaricious, saving. It is the saving of gold and silver in the fabrication of coins, in substituting thereto other metals which process constitutes the alloy.

(4) REMEDY.—This term signifies the permission granted to the masters of the mint to make the coins a little under the weight required by the ordinances. Thus, the *louis d'or* which should be 22 carats weight, are but 21 and $\frac{3}{4}$ carats—one fourth of *remedy* granted to the master; and the *louis d'argent* which ought to be of 11 deniers weight, are but of 10 deniers and 22 grains—2 grains of *remedy*, allowed to the mint-master.