

and the committee gives a due preference to an unerring standard in nature, (which is also the basis of the French newsystem ) to the antiquated and fallacious mode by grains of wheat; the Committee then goes on to recommend some trifling alteration in liquid and dry measures, so that they shall contain integer numbers of ounces, the whole of which appears so well arranged, that it is more than probable the legislature will adopt the report, on account of its greater accuracy, and as a remedy to the irregularities which have been so long complained of, the inconvenience of which, confirmed by the report, has long been felt, and has often been attempted to be remedied by various committees appointed by Parliament, but never yet accomplished, owing, as it evidently appears, to the incompetence of the individuals composing these committees, all of which have successively left the matter unfinished.

The committee then further recommends that troy weight may be retained for the traffic in gold and silver, on account of its connexion with the standard of the coin, but the author of the *Sketch* has so ably, though concisely, developed the subject, and, comparing our, with the French new, system, shown the great inconvenience of the former, as to induce me to try it by the test of the latter, and my investigation has led me to suggest some alterations, but previous to my stating them, and in order to obviate the necessity of reference to the *Sketch*, and also for the purpose of bringing the whole subject within view of those who may not have read it, it may not be improper to point out that it is proposed, for the *Assay*, that gold and silver shall be represented

Fine by 1000.

Standard by 900.

*Money of Account* 1000. = £1.