

" An Advertisement.

" There is a great offendor of this Commonwealth, whose name is *Abraham Stapley*, thirty years of age, a *Sussex* man, brown haired, of middle size, whitely cloured, very slender, usually going in sad coloured clothes ; he first lived in *West-minister*, at the Mill-bank ; from thence he went to *Red-rose* street in *Covent-Garden*, from thence into *Dirty Lane* in Saint *Gileses* ; from thence to Saint *Saveries dock* ; from thence to *Detford*. This *Abraham Stapley*, is a false Coiner of money, for, in his house at *Detford* were found several false Coining Irons for half Crowns, and false half Crowns, Coined with the date 1655, and this is to give notice to all persons whatsoever, that shall receive any of this said money of *Stapleys*, dated 1655, their being none of that date in his Highness Mint coined to this day the 26 of *October* ; If they do not give notice to me *Richard Pight*, I shall wheresoever I finde them, prosecute them according to the Law : whosoever shall apprehend this party, and bring certain Intelligence to Master *Pight* in the Tower, Surveyour of the Melting-house in his Highnesse Mint, shall receive five pounds for their faithful service to the Commonwealth.

" *Richard Pight.*"

It is perhaps unnecessary to remind the reader that Stapley was liable to the punishment of death for counterfeiting the coin of the realm ; for this crime had been held to be high treason ever since the year 1351 (25 Edward III. chapter 2.)

## PEWTER FARTHING'S OF CROMWELL.

(From *Numismata Cromwelliana.*)



SOME of the farthings of 1654 are still in existence ; and we will now describe the two pewter farthings of that date which were actually put into circulation, as we learn from the following passage in a contemporary newspaper :—