able by Hosterman & Etter, Halifax, size 18, plain edge, 2 varieties.

- 10. Obverse, large bust of Geo. III., laurented to right, half-penny token, 1815. Reverse, same as No. 9, size 17, plain edge.
- 11. Obvorse, same as No. 10. Reverse, ship in full sail, success to navigation and trade in circle, size 17, plain edge.
- 12. Obverse, small bust of Geo. III. to right, haureated and draped, half-penny token, 1815. Reverse, ship in full sail to right, "payable by John Alex'r Barry, Halifax," in circle; size 16, plain edge, 4 different varieties.
- 13. Obverse, small bust of Geo. III. to right, laureated and draped, "Halfpenny token, 1815," in circle. Reverse, ship in full sail to right, another ve sel in distance to left, "Halifax," size 16, milled edge.
- 14. Obverse, same as No. 13. Reverse, Britannia scated, "Genuine British Copper" in circle, size 16, plain edge.
- 15. Obverse, within a circle, a cask, marked spikes, nails, &c.; outside of circle "Half-penny token, 1815." Reverse, outer circle "Importers of Ironmongery, Hardware, &c."; inside of circle in 6 straight lines: payable—by—Miles W.—White—Halifax—N. S.; size 18, plain edge.
- 16. Obverse, large bust of Geo. III. to right, laureated and draped, "Halfpenny token, 1814." Reverse, a frigate under sail to right, "payable by Garritt & Alport, Halifax," on circle; size 19, milled edge.
- 17. Obverse, same as 16. Reverse, a frigate under sail, "For the Convenience of Trade" on circle.

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