

GOLD COINS.

MINT.	NAME OF COIN.	ASSAY.	WEIGHT.	Pure Metal	Value in Cur at the London market, relative of Gold to Silver, (1835, per piece of 100, the L. Currency.)	Legal value in Lower Canada by 45 Geo. III. c. 8.	Current value in United States by the Law of 1834.
ENGLAND,.....	Guinea (parts in proportion).....	<i>Car. Grs.</i> 52 0	<i>dwts. grs.</i> 5 9 1/2	<i>grains.</i> 125.7	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 5 1 1/2	<i>£ s. d.</i> 1 3 4	<i>D. dts. m.</i> 5 11 5
FRANCE,.....	*Sovereign (40).....	52 0	5 3.571	112.001	1 5 11 1/2	1 2 9 1-10	4 87 5
	*Dble. Louis since 1785 (40).....	51 2 1/2	5 20	212 6	2 5 0	2 3 1 1/2	9 16 2
	*Dbl. Napoleon 40 fr. piece.....	51 2 1/2	8 7	179	1 17 10 6-10	1 16 4 1/2	7 70 3
PORTUGAL & BRAZIL	*Napolion or 10 fr. and New Louis,.....	51 2 1/2	4 9 1/2	89.7	0 18 11 5-10	0 18 2 1-10	3 85 1
	*Doblon of 24,000 lices.....	52 0	34 12	750	8 0 7 9-10	7 13 6 5-10	52 74 6
	*Doblon of 12,800 do.....	52 0	18 6	401.5	4 4 11 9-10	4 1 2 5-10	17 30 1
	*Johannes (parts, &c.).....	51 2 1/2	18 0	294.89	4 3 6 9-10	4 0 0	17 06 4
	*Johannes (60) do.....	51 2 1/2	6 6 1/2	50.37	2 3 0 5-10	2 1 3	8 76 3
	*Mondre (60) do.....	52 0	6 2 1/2	15.716	1 12 2 5-10	1 10 0	6 55 7
SPAIN,.....	*Quadruple Pistole or Doubloon of 1779,.....	51 1 1/2	17 8 1/2	572	3 18 9	3 14 6	16 02 8
	(parts, &c.).....	50 3	17 9	360.5	3 16 5 7-10	3 14 6	15 53 5
UNITED STATES,.....	*Quadruple Pistole of 1801,.....	52 0	11 6	247.5	2 12 8 5-10	2 10 0	10 66 5
	1834, (parts, &c.).....	52 0	10 18	232	2 9 1 5-10	2 10 0	10 0 0
	*Eagle after 31st July 1834, (parts, &c.).....	50 3	17 9	360.5	3 16 5 7-10	3 14 6	15 53 5
COLUMBIA & MEXICO	*Dobloon,.....	50 3	17 9	360.5	3 16 5 7-10	3 14 6	15 53 5

* These coins are not particularised in the 1st Section of the Provincial Act, which prefixes the values to certain specified coins taken singly; but I have, in calculating their legal values in Lower Canada, considered the 10 fl. within the general expression used in the 7th Section. "Every payment that shall be made in gold, &c., shall be paid in the gold coin of Great Britain, &c." This construction is, however, very doubtful. Query. Is the Sovereign only a tender of our nominal 5fr. and therefore be rated at £1 2 6 3/4, and not £1 2 0 1/10 currency? If no coin, not specified in the 1st Section, can come under the 7th Section, then the gold coins stated at p. 5, are the only ones that are a legal tender whether singly or in bulk; and all others can only be offered and used at conventional values as articles of commerce, in which case the value of these two coins is meant by the "Milled Doubloon, or 4 Pistole piece of Spain;" and I have, therefore, prefixed to each the same legal value.

† The Act of 45 Geo. III. does not distinguish which of these two coins is meant by the "Milled Doubloon, or 4 Pistole piece of Spain;" and I have, therefore, prefixed to each the same legal value.

‡ This coin cannot have any legal value either under the 1st or 7th Section.

§ N.B.—It will be observed, by the above comparative values, that with the single exception of the Eagle since 1834, the several coins are so much underrated in our currency by the Act 45 Geo. III. as contrary to preclude them entering into our circulation; and even the Eagle of 1834 is, as compared with our crowns, underrated, and therefore a prohibited coin.

To avoid the inconvenience in making small payments or exchanges arising from the fractional parts of one penny, it might be declared that in paying or exchanging any number of gold coins under 20 lb. fraction, if one half and upwards of one penny should be called unit; and the pence increased by one penny added to each coin; and that where the fraction was under one half of one penny, it should be wholly rejected from each coin. (With regard to the silver coins, the small fractions would be avoided if the plan at p. 16 were adopted. It might also facilitate larger payments and exchanges, if the gold coins were to be weighed in bulk, in manner as done by the 45 Geo. III.