

Royal Mint Records, 1813–1814

These documents appear to be **official ledger records of the Royal Mint**, tracking the receipt, melting, and processing of silver — primarily **Spanish/American dollar coins** being converted into British coinage or bullion bars.

IMAGE 1 — March 1813

Entry (date unclear, ~3rd March):

"Received from the Moneyers in Jersey Tokens, 1lb 8s. — Delivered. 1 Bag, 3 Jersey Tokens. 1 [?] 1/6 [?]" "Solved, States of Jersey, 3 March, No. 1 ... 1lb 8s." "Remain No. 1 ... 25.7.10"

Entry:

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twelve Drafts being twelve hundred & fourteen pounds [?] — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£1216.6***

Entry:

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twelve Drafts being twelve hundred & nine pounds, six ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£1200.6***

Entry:

*"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, sixteen hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1600 lbs***

Entry (26th):

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twelve Drafts being eleven hundred & ninety seven pounds, four ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£1197.4***

Entry (27th, partial):

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars ... twelve hundred & sixty two pounds..." Amount: **£1262-***

IMAGE 2 — May 1813

Entry (6th):

"Received from the Moneyers in Dollar Silver Tokens for Ireland ... 2666.8"
"Solved, Bank of Ireland, No. 1 ... 2666.8" "Remain, Ireland, No. 1 ...
*2916.8" Delivered: **32 Bags, 10? Tokens***

Entry (26th):

"From the States of Jersey, by Messrs. [?] & Co. — 2 Parcels of Silver
Dollars, No. 1: 58.4 ... No. 2: 41.5.15" "No. 2 — Dollar Standard: 99.9.15"
"Received to Melt ... Silver Dollars ... 99 [lbs] 9.15"

Entry (27th):

"From the Governor & Co. of the Bank of Ireland, 42 Silver Ingots"
(followed by a detailed table of ingot weights and assay values)

IMAGE 3 — [May/June 1813 continued]

Entry (2nd or 3rd):

"Received from the Moneyers in Tokens for Jersey ... 1000 —" "Cleared States of Jersey, No. 1 ... 25.7.10" "Cleared [do.] No. 2 ... 99.9.15" "Solved [do.] No. 3 ... 874.6.15 — 1000 —" "Remain No. 3 ... 868.1.5.16"

Entry:

"Received from the Moneyers in Tokens for Ireland ... 2666.8" "Solved Athens, Bank of Ireland, No. 1 ... 2666.8" "Remain No. 1 ... 250 —"

Delivered: **32 Bags, 10? Tokens**

Entry:

*"Received to Melt — in Ingots [No.?]" (Detailed columnar table, 10 ingots, with weights and assay values) Total: **3390.2.6.19** / Allay: **298.4.6.19***

Entry (3rd):

*"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, twelve hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1200 lbs***

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twenty four Drafts being twenty three hundred & seven pounds, four ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£2307.5***

IMAGE 4 — June 1813

Entry (7th):

*"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, twelve hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1200 lbs***

*"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twenty four Drafts being twenty three hundred & ninety five pounds, one ounce — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£2395.1***

Entry (1st — From the States of Jersey, by Messrs. [Thibault?], No. 23 Silver Ingots):

*(Very detailed columnar table with ingot numbers, weights in lbs/oz/dwt/gr, and assay values) Sub-totals: **1552.1.5 / 281.11.3.15** "No. 3 Dollar Standard: 1682.8.16"*

IMAGE 5 — June 1813

Entry (8th):

"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, twelve hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1200 lbs**

"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twenty two hundred & forty seven pounds, seven ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£2247.7**

Entry (8th):

"Received from the Moneyers in Tokens for Jersey ... 1369.3.14.22"

"Cleared, Jersey, No. 3 ... 808.1.5.16" "Cleared [do.] No. 4 ... 561.2.9.6 — 1369.3.14.22" "Even —" Delivered: **12 Bags, 3 full Tokens; 4 lbs [?]**

Entry (5th):

"Received from the Moneyers in Tokens for Ireland ... 2666.8" "Cleared Ireland, No. 1 ... 250 —" "Solved [do.] No. 2 ... 2416.8 — 2666.8" "Remain No. 2 ... 1988.10.6" Delivered: **32 Bags, 10? Tokens**

IMAGE 6 — June 1813

Entry (9th?):

"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, seven hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **700 lbs**

"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twenty four Drafts being twenty two hundred & four pounds, four ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson"
Amount: **£2208.4** (possibly £2204.4)

Entry (3rd — From the States of Jersey, by Messrs. [Thibault?], No. 12 Silver Ingots):

(Table of ingot weights) Total: **541.9.22.5** / Standard: **510.10.15** "No. 1 Dollar Standard: 561.2.9.6"

Entry:

"Received to Melt ... Ingots [No.?]" To [?] 1: **209.1.10.22** / Allay: **17.6.8.22**
Total: **561.2.10.6** / **50.3.15.6**

IMAGE 7 — March 1814

Entry (10th):

"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, Ten Hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1000 lbs**

Entry (11th):

"Received from the Company of Moneyers in Dollar Silver, Superfine, Ten Hundred pounds weight — Jas. W. Morrison" Amount: **1000 lbs**

"Received from the Melter in Dollar Silver Bars, twelve Drafts being twelve hundred & thirteen pounds, six ounces — Henry Wm Atkinson" Amount: **£1213.6**

Entry (16th):

"Received from the Moneyers in Tokens for Jersey ... 578.5.6" *"Cleared the States of Jersey, No. 5 ... 578.5.6"* *"Remain Nil —"* Delivered: **6 Bags; [?]; 78.5.6.0; 3 Tokens**

Entry (19th):

"From the Governor & Co. of the Bank of England, 90 Ingots of Silver [?]"

IMAGE 8 — February 1814

Entry (4th / 19th):

"From the States of Jersey, 8 Silver Ingots, [?]"

(Detailed table of 8 ingots):

No.	Weight	Assay (B)	Standard Value
1	69.18.20.5	13½, 21½	65.15
2	76.5.10	"	70.8.10
3	67.15.20.5	"	63.15
4	64.15.8.5	12½, 20½	63.2.5
5	77.16.8.10	"	71.10
6	85.8.8.10	13½, 21½	79.5.10
7	83.10.5	"	77.2.15
8	36.13.18	12, 20	36.8.5
Total	556.9.3.10		526.5.5

"No. 5 Dollar Standard: 578.5.6"

Entry (21st — Received to Melt ... Ingots [?]):

(Table beginning, 4+ entries visible)

Overall Commentary

What These Records Are

These are **daily working ledgers of the Royal Mint, London**, covering **1813–1814**, specifically tracking the processing of **Spanish colonial silver dollars** (the famous "pieces of eight") into British silver bars and coinage.

Key Actors

Name	Role
Jas. W. Morrison	Company of Moneyers — supplied raw dollar silver by weight
Henry Wm. Atkinson	The Melter — converted dollar silver into refined bars/drafts
States of Jersey	Sent parcels of silver dollars via agents (e.g., Messrs. Thibault & Co.)
Bank of Ireland	Recipient of token coinage manufactured from this silver
Bank of England	Occasional supplier of silver ingots

The Process Recorded

1. **Dollar silver received** from the Moneyers (by weight, in lbs)
2. **Sent to the Melter** (Atkinson), who processed it into **silver bars** ("drafts")
3. **Bars assayed** and weighed against **Dollar Standard**
4. **Tokens manufactured** and delivered to Jersey or Ireland in bags
5. **Remainders tracked** across numbered consignments

Historical Context

This period saw a **severe silver shortage** in Britain and Ireland due to the Napoleonic Wars. The Mint was authorized to **overstamp or melt Spanish**

dollars (captured or purchased) for emergency token coinage — the famous "**Bank of England dollar**" and **Irish Bank tokens**. These ledgers record exactly that operation, showing the industrial scale of the effort: thousands of pounds of silver processed weekly throughout 1813–1814.