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Coppers for "The Million."

Mr. Constable Marett : Mr. President, allow me to bring before this assembly motion which I lodged *au Greffe* some time ago for new issue of coin in pence and half-pence to the amount of £2,000.

Mr. Judge Nicolle: Where will you find the £2,000? You will have to pay the money in advance to the Mint Authorities.

Mr. Constable F. Godfray : I think £1,000 is quite enough at time for the wants of the trading community. If I recollect rightly, when the last issue was made the Government declared that they would not grant another issue. There would be plenty of Jersey half-pence and pence but they were taken to England and passed off for English coppers, by which little transaction there was penny gained on every shilling!

Mr. Constable Marett : I do not intend to have £2,000 of coppers at once, £500 will be sufficient in the first instance.

Mr. Deputy H. Godfray: You have not the right to ask Government for an issue of coppers in an illegal currency, the States having decided that no other legal tender existed in the Island but English money. In applying for another issue of coppers, you are setting aside the law and showing bad example. Besides the request Government is illegal.

Mr. Judge Nicolle: You wish to abolish virtually the Jersey currency. In so doing you will affect considerably the lower classes, the poor people who make a gain of $8 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

Mr. Deputy H. Godfray: It is quite the contrary. You pay workman the rate of two Jersey shillings (48 sous), whilst you should by law pay him 52 sours, two shillings British!

The States adopted the motion of Mr. Constable Marett. The reading of the words – "The Treasurer is authorized to furnish the cash" -- called forth another protest from

Mr. Deputy Godfray, who said that those words had been added since the motion was carried. He objected to them. The States did not possess a farthing, they had nothing. Let the trading interest advance the wherewithal to obtain the new issue.

Mr. Constable Marett: The act has been framed on the acts previously passed by the States.

Mr. Deputy H. Godfray (addressing the Treasurer of the States): Have the States any money?

Mr. Constable and Treasurer Godfray: No! The States will have to borrow!

Mr. Deputy H. Godfray; There, was I not right ? I move that those words *be erased*.
The States decided not to erase them.