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ENGLISH AND JERSEY MONEY

At the Wednesday sitting of the Jersey States, a petition was presented by Deputy Westaway, signed by a large body of bankers, merchants, and tradesmen, praying the house to adopt some measure of a speedy withdrawal from circulation of the island coinage (pence and halfpence), and to declare English money the only legal tender henceforth. The petitioners complained of the great inconvenience that resulted from the circulation of English and Jersey copper money, and the continual annoyance that arose from the two currencies — the Jersey penny being only the one thirteenth part to a 1s. In supporting the prayer of the petition, Deputy Westaway drew the attention of the house to the fact that the Post Office would not accept Jersey copper money, and the supply of English copper being small, great inconvenience was the result to the public, who often were obliged to give three halfpence. island money, through not being able to procure English coin. Several members spoke in favor of retaining the present system, as the proposed change would involve considerable loss to the poorer classes, who now could get thirteen pennies for 1s, each of which was equal in value to the English penny. After some discussion, the petition was referred to a committee.