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Copper Coinage

The Constable of St. Clement's proposed that a motion by him presented by him at a previous meeting, relative to the copper coinage, be discussed.

Jurat Dumeaume said that previous to this question being entertained, the Treasurer of the States having presented the accounts and statement demanded from him since the opening of the debate, he proposed that these accounts be lodged *au greffe*.

The Constable of St. Clement's reminded the States that they had engaged to discuss his proposition immediately after the Taxation bill. He proceeded to read the petition presented by a great number of the inhabitants St. Helier's and others demanding the issue of a fresh coin having for effect to do away with the Jersey currency, and the old system of 13 pennies to the shilling. He made some remarks showing the difficulty there was in making out accounts in Jersey currency. For example it was impossible to enter 2s. 5d British with the present system, five Jersey pennies constituting the pence which ought to British. He proposed adoption of his motion.

Deputy Durell seconded, and made few remarks in support of the motion.

The Rector of St. Mary's asked if the Constable of St. Clement's meant by his proposition that in future the Shilling British, should only be worth twelve pence.

The Constable replied the affirmative; he added that this change would not affect the value of the pound sterling, which would always be worth 26 livres; and the interest of one quarter of rents would always 20 livres; he did not propose the change to favour *rentiers*; they would not derive any benefit therefrom; he did to further the interests of the public.

The Rector of Sr. Mary's then asked if the Government would stamp copper coinage 12 to the 1s. Several members said that there was little doubt but what they would. The Greffier then read the proposition, which represented that the present copper coin being inconvenient and useless for the present wants; Government should earnestly requested to stamp coinage for the use of Jersey, to an amount not exceeding £2,000.

This proposition was agreed to, and Jurat Mourant, the Rector of St. Mary's, the Constable St. Clement's, and Deputy Durell of St. Helier's, were formed into committee to carry the same into execution.