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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The calling in of the copper coinage now in circulation and the issue of new copper coin of the same value as the English, a measure which your Committee has so zealously advocated and labored to effect, has at length been voted by the States. The proposition adopted is to the effect that inasmuch as it would be useful to assimilate the copper money at present in circulation to the English copper coinage, and that as experience has proved that the division of the shilling sterling into 13 and 26 parts causes serious inconvenience and is of no practical utility, the States have decided to issue copper money of the same value as that which has currency in England, so that there may coins representing respectively the 12th, the 24th, and the 48th part of a shilling. This proposition was made by Mr. Westaway, in consequence of the petition promoted by members of your Committee, which was presented to the States on the 22nd January, 1873, and to which were appended the signatures of the principal tradesmen of the Island.

It is likewise highly desirable that the States should, without further delay, adopt a law for facilitating the issue of properly guaranteed paper money. The Chamber is aware that during successive years, the Committee has dwelt at some length on the matter. The Committee can only reiterate the opinion which it has already expressed.