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Complaints of the scarcity of Copper Money in the Island are very general; and the inconvenience resulting to those engaged in retail trade appears to be serious. Nor is the remedy so easy of application as may supposed. There is no difficulty, of coarse, in getting from London or elsewhere supply of copper money, in return for its value in other currency; and, since it has been resolved to abolish the copper coinage hitherto peculiar to Jersey and to adopt coppers of the British standard their instead, to import such coppers in supply of the existing deficiency would seem to be the natural and obvious resource. But there is difficulty in the way of applying such remedy. One may with ease, it is true, procure British coppers at their lawful value for importation; but one cannot with equal ease induce others to accept them that value. So long as Jersey pence of thirteen to the shilling remain in circulation, there are people who expect thirteen pence of what kind so ever to the shilling; and to procure British coppers twelve to the shilling and pay them away at the rate of thirteen is obviously unprofitable enterprise. It is true that there are traders, however, who insist on regarding all pence whatsoever as of British value, and who give Jersey coppers the equivalent of British; and it might with apparent plausibility argued that these, at least, ought to procure genuine British coppers and thus make good their pretense of dealing for British money. But what happens the practical result in such case? Such dealers find that their British coppers are rapidly drawn away from them by way of change, and that in return few but Jersey coppers of less value are brought back. The truth is evident. A conflict of views prevails to the use of British and of Jersey copper currency on one side and on the other; and, so long the conflict exists, the efforts of individuals to bring the currency to an equilibrium will be persistently defeated. That conflict can only determined by the authoritative withdrawal of the Jersey copper money from circulation, a course which the States have in contemplation, but have not yet put in execution. Ones that withdrawal is effected, and them is no longer a conflict of different values, the currency will probably adapt itself to the conditions of trade. But the contemplated withdrawal deferred, believe, until the States enabled to procure a sufficient supply of British copper money from the Mint, desirous probably to obtain the benefit of the allowance which the Mint, we believe, is accustomed to make on large orders for copper money. If such be the reason of the delay, it ought to made matter for consideration whether the allowance be obtained will compensate for the inconvenience which the mean time is being undergone by the trading community. In any case, some stimulus ought if possible to applied by way of hastening the consummation which has been long desired, of getting the copper money in use in the Island put on a legitimate footing with the lawful currency of the realm; and it may be hoped that, at the approaching meeting of the States, some member having the trade of St. Helier's in view will endeavor to elicit information the subject.