

NEW COPPER COINAGE.

To the Editor

Sir, The issue of the new Copper Coinage has not been attended with the advantages, that might fairly expected from it. What reason can be assigned for the new money, not being received in payment, at the General Post Office in Jersey? It is certainly very desirable that some authoritative explanation should be given for its refusal. When States voted the new copper money; some persons raised an objection, to having a distinctive coin, struck for the Island; but, I think there is an advantage in it, owing to the peculiarity, the money will more localized, not likely to leave Jersey. When the authorities decided upon demonetizing and recalling the old Jersey currency, one of two courses had to be adopted, either, to supplement (*The thirteen to the Shilling pence*) by English money, or else to have new coin equal to the English penny struck for circulation here, Guernsey coppers are objected to, as not being equivalent to English, and French coppers are not acceptable at the Post Office. I believe there is a placard in the Post Office stating that officials are not compelled to give change. Should policy of not taking new coinage at the Post Office be adopted, the poorer classes will be the chief sufferers. As they seldom write, many buy only few stamps at a time, and in many instances may have to provide themselves with silver coin to effect the purchase of one or two stamps. Railway Companies who only took English money, now take new Jersey coin, so there will probably be much greater difficulty obtaining English money, it will not be so imperatively required as heretofore from circulation. If a memorial, signed by the Chamber of Commerce, the principal inhabitants, and the leading tradesmen was forwarded to the Post Master General, the subject might be favorably entertained, and the convenience of the public benefited. At all events I think the expedient I have suggested is worth trying.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ONE OF THE PUBLIC.

Jersey, March 12th, 1877.