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At a Meeting of the States held on Wednesday, the question of the value of French money in the Island was discussed : —

Deputy Simon brought in a short bill having for its object the restriction of the circulation of French money, by declaring that all public officers, Constables of parishes, &c., who shall receive French money, shall in future take it at the rate of 15s. 10d. per 20 francs piece, and other coins in proportion.

Deputy Durell said it was highly necessary, that such a bill should be passed, especially when they found that agents of this house, in the exercise of their daily profession, imported into the island French money in large quantities and paid it out at the usual value, but would not receive it from customers except at a reduction.

The Rector of St. Mary said the remedy was in the hands of the public, who had only to refuse to receive French money, and it would soon cease to circulate. But perhaps the best plan would be to legalize French money specifying its legal value, and this would avoid all inconvenience.

Several members took part in a conversation on the question, different opinions being advanced, after which the proposition to lodge the bill *au greffe* was met by one to reject it. On the votes being taken the bill was thrown out by 23 to 10.

Deputy Simon objected to this decision, saying that according to law every bill must be lodged *au greffe* and discussed afterwards. The President said the matter was settled and could not be reopened. — *Jersey Express*.