

**The Star Tuesday 10 March 1885**

**OUR COINAGE SYSTEM.**

***TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.***

Sir, — I noticed a paragraph in a Contemporary on Saturday relating to our copper coinage. It said "The supervisor is about to make a fresh issue of copper money, there being a paucity of that coin in circulation." Now, Sir, if our only coinage is scarce would it not be as well to make a move in the right direction by embracing this opportunity to replace our old system with that of English money, thereby making a penny worth a penny, and a shilling worth a shilling. The Post office refuse to take less than 1d of our copper for a stamp, and demand 4s. 2 1/2d for a 5 franc piece. I would here ask how many people suffer through the premium business? I have for one, and sometimes very heavily, and in this way. I collect cash for an English house, and get paid in nine places out of ten in French money, but I fail to get any more out of them than a five franc for 4s British. Why should not we be on the same footing as our neighbors in Jersey? We are quite as much English as they are; and, I believe, Sir, that if some of our influential tradesmen were to take the matter up and represent it in the proper quarter, the authorities would readily take the initiative, and give us the good old coin of the realm. I am.

Sir, yours &c.,

TWELVE Pence for a Shilling.

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**OUR COPPER COINAGE TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.**

Sir,

As it appears from the letter of Twelve Pence for a Shilling, "that the Supervisor is about to make a fresh issue of copper money," I would recommend that a respectable bronze currency be put in circulation, instead of the present unsightly copper one, now in use— say something like the Jersey bronze money; with the Queen's head. I would also recommend that the French copper or bronze coin be declared not legal. No wonder we see so much of it here, if, as it is said, they are taken in Jersey by the shopkeepers at the rate of 12 for 9.

Unpaid Inspector