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**THE COPPER COINAGE QUESTION.  
PROVISIONAL ORDINANCE.**

The proposed Ordinance re Copper Coinage, directing that French bronze coins should not be legal tender from April 7<sup>th</sup>, was taken into consideration. Advocate Randell acting for the Chamber of Commerce, said he noticed all the Ordinances which he had "looked-up" had been passed at the Court of Chief Pleas and he hoped if the one before them was passed that day, it would only be a provisional Ordinance and be duly enforced at the Chief Pleas after Easter. The Chamber of Commerce was of the opinion that it would be more simple if the Ordinance said English and Guernsey coppers were the only legal tender. If it was passed, today, and reintroduced at the next Chief Pleas anyone who to oppose could then be heard.

Jurat Brouard (Supervisor) remarked that Jersey copper coins were never recognized as a legal tender here, although they were accepted by tradespeople. French silver was legal tender, but the Island was swamped with French coins, and Italian coins also were not scarce.

Advocate Randell said that at one time, only English, Guenney and French copper were currency here. These were the only ones that had ever been legalised. Now, he hoped, only English and Guernsey would be legal tender. Jersey coppers passed here, but were never legal.

Jurat Brouard remarked that if the Ordinance was only taken into consideration at the next Chief Pleas, all the work done by the Banks, up the present, would not be of much use, as other French copper would be imported meanwhile.

Jurat de Havilland speaking in re provisional ordinances, said that in 1886 the Bailiff had remarked that if an Ordinance was made at other times than the Chief Pleas, it would only be a Provisional Ordinance, to be again considered at the Next Chief Pleas.

The decision of the Court was as follows.—That the only copper legal tender in the island and after April 7<sup>th</sup> next shall be English and Guernsey copper money dated from the year 1863—though this decision will be brought forward for reenforcement at the nexy Chief Pleas.