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**FOREIGN COPPERS**

To the Editor of The Post

Sir.

I suppose Jersey is about the only place where foreign copper coins are circulated.

Attention has more than once been called to the fact there is for Jersey trade a loss of 4 per cent on such coins introduced into the island. Another source of loss being that they replace local penny and halfpenny pieces, on which the States would, if I am not mistaken, receive an allowance from the Mint.

Formerly Italian pieces were accepted in France and many were brought to us through that country. The day came when our neighbors would no longer receive them, and we had to bear the loss of those they had left here.

Another nuisance is that France has anarchists and other bad citizens, who purposely batter us otherwise, deface the coinage, and we here receive coins which are unfit for circulation and must either lose their value or have the unpleasantness of seeing tradesmen hesitating to accept them.

Only the States can do anything in this matter. While foreign bronze coins are a legal tender, if one out tradesman refuses to take them, his customers will take them at another's shop.

I am a partisan of the "enten cordale" with France, but surely that country, does not accept our bronze pieces – 24 of which are worth 25 of its own — would have no cause of complaint if we kept our own money.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

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