

## Banks, Sir Joseph



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### Biographical and Other Notes

Naturalist and patron of science. Accompanied Captain James Cook on the *Endeavour*, 1768-71, making a natural history collection. When he was appointed to the reconstituted Privy Council Committee on Coin, he assembled a collection of coins and numismatic books. Via his sister, Sarah Sophia Banks, the BM had first pick of his collection and library and the still significant remainder went to the Royal Mint Museum collection.

### Sources and References

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