THE COINAGE OF OXFORD, 1642-46.

PART II.

THE GOLD COINS.

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In May, 1920, when I read my paper on the Coinage of Oxford, 1642-46 (British Numismatic Journal, vol. xvi, pp. 129-188), I omitted to describe the gold coins, on the plea that they had been so lately written about by Dr. Nelson (British Numismatic Journal, vol. xi, pp. 183-205), but intimated that this would have to be done in order to arrange them in the manner similar to that of the silver coins. I now do so.

There are three denominations, viz., the Treble Unite, Unite and the Half Unite or Double Crown.

HALF UNITES.

These were coined in the years 1642, 1643 and 1644.

1642.

Obverses.


B. Mint-mark, plume. Similar to A except that the crown does not cut the inner circle. Nelson II (Plate I, 2). Found with reverse 2.

Reverses.

1. Mint-mark, two pellets (†). Three plumes. Declaration, RELIG: PROT/LEG: ANG/LIBER: PAR. A line above and under each pair of words, 1642. Legend begins at left, EXVRGAT: DEVS: DISSIPENTVR: INIMICI. Nelson I (Plate I, 1). This die was used for the reverse of the sixpence. Found with obverse A.

2. Mint-mark, two pellets (†). The legend, EXVRGAT: DEVS: DISSIPENTVR: INIMICI which begins left surrounding the declaration, which is in three lines RELIG: PROT/LEG: ANG/LIBER: PAR: all on a continuous band. Three plumes above, 1642 in large figures below. Nelson II (Plate I, 2). Found with obverse B.

3. Mint-mark, seven pellets (⋯), otherwise as No. 1. Found with obverse A (R. C. Lockett). This is the same as sixpence, reverse 2, where it is returned as four pellets as mint-mark.

1643.

Obverses.

A. Same as 1642, obverse B. Nelson I (Plate I, 3). Found with reverse 1.

B. Mint-mark, nil. Large crowned and armoured bust of the King to left wearing a lace collar. The bust breaks through lower edge of inner circle and extends to the edge of the coin. X behind. The legend commences low down on the left, CAROLVS: D: G: M: BR: FR: ET: HI: REX. Nelson II (Plate I, 4). Found with reverse 2.

Reverses.


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LEG · ANGL · /LIBER · PAR · all on a continuous scroll, the commencement of which is forked. Three plumes above and 1643 below. Nelson II (Plate I, 4). Found with obverse B.

1644.

Obverse.

Mint-mark, nil. Crowned armoured bust of the King with laced collar to the left which cuts into the inner circle and extends to the outer bottom edge of the coin. Value X behind. Legend, which commences at the bottom on the left, CAROLVS · D : G : MAG : BR : FR : ET : HI : REX. Nelson I (Plate I, 6).

Reverse.

Mint-mark, a lozenge within four pellets (⊔⊔⊔) at end of legend. The legend, EXVRGAT · DEVS · DISSIPENTVR · INIMICI surrounds the declaration, RELIG · PRO / LEG : ANG/LIBER · PAR all on a continuous scroll. Three plumelets above and ⊕ 1644 ⊕/OX beneath. The stops in the legend and beside the date are lozenges. This coin is of fine workmanship and superior to those of same denomination in previous years. Nelson I (Plate I, 6).

UNITES.

These were struck in the years 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645 and 1646.

1642.

Obverses.

A. Mint-mark, one pellet. Half-length figure of the King to left in armour, wearing crown and plain collar, bearing in the right hand a large sword and in the left a small olive branch; XX behind head. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAG : BRIT : FRAN : ET : HI : REX. Nelson I (Plate I, 5). Found with reverse 1.


Reverses.


1643.

Obverses.


B. Mint-mark, pellet. Nearly three-quarter length figure of the King to the left with sword in right hand and a palm branch in his left. The figure extends through the inner circle to the bottom edge of the coin; XX behind head. Legend begins at the left lower quadrant, CAROLVS · D : G : M : BR : FR : ET · HI : REX. Nelson V (Plate II, 3). Found with reverses 1 and 5.

C. Mint-mark, one pellet. Crowned bust of the King to left with sword in right hand and palm branch in left; orb cuts inner circle. XX behind head. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAG : BRIT : FR : ET : HI : REX. Nelson II (Plate I, 8). Found with reverse 2.


I attribute A to the first period; B, C, D to second period. B is a mule.

Reverses.

1. Mint-mark, pellet. The legend, EXVRGAT : etc. INIMICI surrounding declaration, RELIG : PROT/LEG : ANG/LIBER : PAR,
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Plate II
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all upon a continuous scroll with forked ends. Three plumes above and 1643 beneath. Nelson I (Plate I, 9). Found with obverses A and B. (R. C. Lockett.)

2. Mint-mark, nil. As 1, but DISIPENTVR’ (sic) and scroll forked at commencement instead of at the end. Nelson II (Plate I, 8). Found with obverse C.

3. Mint-mark, nil. Somewhat similar to 1, but colons after INIMICI and ANG instead of no stops at all, and the scroll is forked at the commencement and not at the end. Nelson III (Plate II, 1). Found with obverse D.

4. Mint-mark, nil. Somewhat similar to 3 but pellet stops in legend except INIMICI: and there is a pellet before RELIG:. Not in Nelson. Found with obverse D.

5. Mint-mark, nil. Somewhat similar to 4 but INIMICI: and ANGL:. Nelson V (Plate II, 3). Found with obverse B.

6. Mint-mark, nil; the scroll is not continuous. Nelson IV (Plate II, 2). Found with obverse D.

7. Mint-mark (?). Similar to 1, but colons after INIMICI: and end of scroll hooked. (R. C. Lockett.) Found with obverse D.

8. Mint-mark, a dotted Z reversed. Similar to 1, but pellets in legend and colons after INIMICI, PROT and ANG. The edges of the declaration dotted instead of plain and no fork at end of scroll. (R. C. Lockett.) Found with obverse D.
1644.

Obverses.

A. Mint-mark, Shrewsbury plume with lozenge each side. Crowned and armoured bust of the King to left with sword in right hand and palm branch in left; XX behind. Legend, CAROLVS D G MAG BR FR ET HI REX. Lozenge stops. Nelson I (Plate II, 4). Found with reverse 1 and 2.

B. Mint-mark, plumelet, pellet to left. Bust similar to that on D 1643, but the palm branch is much larger. XX in smaller figures behind. Legend, CAROLVS D G MAG BRI FR ET HIB REX. Nelson III (Plate II, 6). Found with reverse 3.

Reverses.

1. Mint-mark, two lozenges. Three plumes with a lozenge on the outer sides. Declaration RELIG PRO LEG ANGL/LIBER PAR. Below the declaration 1644 OX. Legend begins left, EXVRGAT DEVS etc. Lozenge stops in legend and each side of date and OX. This die is similar to that of the shilling, reverse 2. Nelson II (Plate II, 5). Found with obverse A.

2. Mint-mark, nil. The legend, EXVRGAT etc. surrounding the declaration, RELIG PRO LEG ANG LIB PAR all on a continuous scroll, three plumelets above and 1644 OX beneath. Lozenge stops in both legend and declaration, also each side of date. Nelson I (Plate II, 4). Found with obverse A.

3. Mint-mark, pellet. The legend, EXVRGAT DEVS, etc., no pellet after EXVRGAT, surrounding the declaration, RELIG PRO LEG ANG LIB PAR Three plumes above, 1644 OX beneath. Nelson III (Plate II, 6). Found with obverse B.

1645.

Obverses.

A. Mint-mark, plumelet, pellet to left. Crowned bust of the King wearing lace collar to left, having a sword in his right hand and a palm branch in left. XX behind. Legend, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FR ET HI REX. Nelson I (Plate II, 7). Found with reverse 1.
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Reverses.


2. Mint-mark, pellet at end of legend. Legend, EXVRGAT etc., single pellet stops, surrounding declaration, RELIG : PRO : / LEG : ANG : // LIBER : PAR : on a continuous scroll. Single plume which cuts the scroll above 1645/0X in small figures beneath. (R. C. Lockett.) Found with obverses B and C. This reverse is very similar to that of 1646 (Plate II, 8).

1646.

Obverse.

Mint-mark, pellet. Crowned bust of the King to left with a sword in his right hand and a palm branch in the left; both hands cut the inner circle. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAG : BRI : FRAN : ET : HIB : REX. XX behind. Nelson (Plate II, 8).

Reverse.
Mint-mark, nil. Legend, EXVRGAT etc., single pellet stops, surrounding the declaration, RELIG : PRO//LEG : ANG//LIBER : PAR// on a continuous scroll and extending to nearly the outer edge of the coin above, and 1646/OX beneath. Nelson (Plate II, 8).

Treble Unites.
This denomination was struck in 1642, 1643 and 1644.

1642.
Obverses.
A. Mint-mark, plume. Crowned half-length figure of the King to left with sword in right hand and palm branch in the left; the orb of the crown touches inner circle; plume behind head. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAG : BRIT : FR : ET : HIB : REX. Nelson I (Plate III, 1). Found with reverses 1 and 2.

B. Mint-mark, plume. Bust of the King similar to A but does not reach the inner circle. Legend as A, but FRAN : ET : HI :. Nelson II (Plate III, 3). Found with reverses 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Reverses.

2. Mint-mark, four pellets, otherwise similar to 1. Nelson IA (Plate III, 2). Found with obverses A and B.

3. Mint-mark, two pellets (*), otherwise similar to 1. Not in Nelson. (R. C. Lockett ex Hilton Price Sale, 1910, lot 64.) Found with obverse B.

4. Mint-mark, pellet. Legend begins left, EXVRGAT : etc., colon stops, surrounding the declaration, RELIG : PRO//LEGI:
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ANG//LIBER : PAR// on a continuous scroll forked at the end. Three plumes and III above and 1642 beneath. Nelson II (Plate III, 4). Found with obverse B.

1643.

Obverses.

A. Same as 1642, obverse B. Nelson II (Plate III, 3). Found with reverse 1.

B. Mint-mark, small lis, with pellet to left. Bust somewhat similar to that of 1642, but larger, evidently by a different engraver, lace collar, small branch in left hand and the elbow breaks the inner circle. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAG : BRIT : FRA : ET : HIB : REX. Not in Nelson. Found with reverse 5. This coin in 1919 was in the possession of Messrs. Spink & Son. From its appearance it is probably a pattern.

I put these two obverses in the first period.

C. Mint-mark, plume. Crowned half-length figure of the King to left, wearing a floating scarf, having a sword in his right hand and in his left a palm branch; the left arm breaks the inner circle. Plume behind head. Legend, CAROLVS : D : G : MAGN : BRIT : FR : ET : HI : REX. Nelson III (Plate III, 8). Found with reverses 5 and 6.

This obverse probably belongs to second or intermediate period.

D. Mint-mark, plume, with three pellets to left. The figure of the King is similar to B, but there is no sash and the left arm is

within inner circle. Plume behind head. Legend, CAROLVS D : G · MAGN : BRIT : FRAN : ET : HIB : REX. Nelson II (Plate III, 6). Found with reverses 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8. This obverse has the peculiar R of the third period.

Reverses.

1. Mint-mark, pellet. Similar to 1642, reverse 4, but with LEG : and date 1643. Nelson II (Plate III, 5). Found with obverse A.


3. Mint-mark, two pellets at end of legend similar to 2, except that there are pellet stops. Legend, RELIG : PROT ://: LEG : ANG : //LIBER : PAR// in declaration and the scroll is forked at its commencement. Nelson IIA (Plate III, 7). Found with obverse D.

4. Mint-mark, two pellets : at end of legend. Similar to 2, except that there are pellet stops in legend, a pellet under the E of RELIG :. The scroll is not quite continuous and has a hook at the end. Not in Nelson. (R. C. Lockett ex Hilton Price Sale, 1909, lot 161.) Found with obverse D.

5. Mint-mark, two pellets at end of legend. Similar to 3, except colon stops in legend. Declaration, RELIG : PROT ://: LEG : : ANGL ://LIBER : PAR : and there is a hook at the commencement as well as at the end of scroll. Pellet each side of value . III . and the date, 1643, in a wavy line below. Nelson III (Plate III, 8). Found with obverses B and C. That for B being from a different die, see illustration to obverse B.

6. Mint-mark, two pellets at end of legend. Similar to 5, no pellets after PROT, ANG and PAR. The lettering of the declaration is in smaller letters and the lines and date are not so wavy. Nelson IV (Plate III, 9). Found with obverses C and D (R. C. Lockett.)
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Plate IV
7. Mint-mark, four pellets at end of legend. Similar to 6, but the lettering of the declaration is large. Nelson V (Plate IV, r). Found with obverse D.

8. Mint-mark, nil. Legend, EXVRGAT: etc. Rosette stops surrounding declaration, ♠ RELIG ♠ PROT ♠/♠ LEG ♠/♠ ANG ♠/♠ LIBER ♠ PAR ♠/♠ all on a continuous band with forked ends. Three plumes and ♠ III ♠ above and ♠ 1643 ♠/♠ OXON ♠ beneath. All stops are rosettes except after LEG ♠. Nelson VI (Plate IV, 2). Found with obverse D. This reverse belongs to the third period.

1644.

Obverses.

A. Mint-mark, plumelet, with lozenge to left. Figure of the King as on 1643, obverse D; plume behind head. Legend, CAROLVS ♠ D ♠ G ♠ MAG ♠ BRI ♠ FRA ♠ ET ♠ HIBER ♠ REX. The stops are lozenges. The flan is small. Nelson I (Plate IV, 3). Found with reverse r.

B. Mint-mark, plumelet, with pellet to left. Figure as on A, but crown cuts the inner circle. Plume behind head. Legend as on A, but pellet stops. The flan is larger than that of A. Nelson II (Plate IV, 4). Found with reverses 2 and 3.

Reverses.


3. Mint-mark, a lozenge with two pellets each side :: at end of legend. Legend, † EXVRGAT † etc., lozenge stops, surrounding the declaration, RELIG • PROT// • LEG • ANG •//LIBER • PAR// on a continuous scroll. Three plumelets with a lozenge on the outer sides and III above, and • 1644/OX beneath. All stops are lozenges. Nelson III (Plate IV, 5). Found with obverse B.

Note.—The pellet mint-marks are, with a few exceptions, the final stops of the legend, but are given as such to distinguish the coin.
EXPLANATION OF THE PLATES.

**PLATE I.**

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3. 1644. " ... ... ... " A. " 1.
4. 1644. " ... ... ... " B. " 2.
5. 1644. " ... ... ... " B. " 3.

### TABLE A.—OBVERSES.

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