UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION UPON CHARLES I WEYMOUTH MINTS

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At the conclusion of his paper on the Weymouth Mints of Charles I (B.N.J. iii, 3rd ser., pp. 97–118), Mr. Derek Allen makes mention of the probable existence of further die varieties in this series. I now propose to tabulate briefly the unpublished specimens which I have examined and photographed together with certain unrecorded information concerning the Weymouth Issues. (Pl. XIII.)

HALF-CROWNS

Four additional half-crown reverse dies occur.

Fig. 1. Obv.—As Allen B.
Rev.—CHRISTO * AVSPICE * REGNO
Square shield crowned. Two loops and flowers on either side. ooooo on crown band. No shading between crown and shield.
Bird-headed harp.
Ex. Murdoch and Farquhar.

Fig. 2. Obv.—As Allen E.
Rev.—CHRISTO * AVSPICE * REGNO:
Oval shield crowned and draped. A lis on either side above. ooooo on crown band.

Fig. 3. Obv.—As Allen F.
Rev.—CHRISTO * AVSPICE * REGNO:
Oval shield crowned and draped. A lis on either side above. ooooo on crown band.
Ex. Wigan, Marsham, Whittaker, Banes, and Wheeler.

Fig. 4. Obv.—As Allen I.
Rev.—CHRISTO * AVSPICE * REGNO:
Oval shield crowned and surrounded by ornements. ooooo on crown band which does not overlap shield.
Ex. Raymond Carlyon-Britton. A better specimen is illustrated in the Montagu catalogue, 3rd portion, Pl. X, lot 607.

The following legend stops have been identified:
I 39. Reverse legend reads: CHRISTO AVSPICE REGNO
K. Obverse legend reads: CAROLVS D G MAG BRI FR ET HI
K 56. Reverse legend reads: CHRISTO AVSPICE REGNO

An Oxford half-crown occurs dated 1643 (Fig. 5), the reverse of which was used at Weymouth a year later. The altered die, Allen A 1, is shown in the Plate, Fig. 6. These two coins form the only known die link between Bushell and Vyvyan’s Mints.

SHILLINGS

Two uncommon shillings occur with bust R.

Fig. 9. Obv.—CAROLVS D G MAG BR ET HIB REX
Bust of king to R. Fully mantled and copied from Oxford shilling (Hawkins 524). XII behind head.
Rev.—Same as half-crown die Allen D 21. (Fig. 7.)
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Fig. 10. Obv.—As above.
Rev.—Same as half-crown die Allen D 23. (Fig. 8.)
Ex Murdoch and Farquhar.

It is interesting to note the Oxford influence on the obverses of these four coins connected by their reverse dies. The half-crown obverse is of the Briot type used at Oxford in 1643 and the shilling obverse is certainly copied from the so-called pattern Oxford Shillings Bust R. (Figs. 11 and 12.) From recent study of the shilling issues, I am of the opinion that the same irons were used for the collar and scarf on the Oxford coin (H. 524) and the Weymouth pieces.

The following legend stop has been identified:
Allen A 3. Reverse reads: abı: CHRISTO * AVSPICE * REGNO ı:

THREEPENCES

The following legend stop has been identified:

Much remains to be learned concerning this most interesting series. As further information comes to me I shall submit it for publication. I am indebted to the London coin dealers who have found coins for my examination: without their valuable help this short article could not have been written.
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