FORM (X.)

Service or posting of Notices under Section 30 of this Act.

Form of Solemn Declaration.

I, *A.B.*, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that on the day of and [*here insert the dates*] I served at or posted upon [*describe house*] a true copy of the notice marked A in the annexed copy of the "Dublin Gazette;" and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter sixty-two, for the abolition of unnecessary oaths.

(Signed) *A.B.*

Made and subscribed before me this day of in the year 187 .
(Signed) *C.D.*, Justice of the Peace.

SCHEDULE (B.)

PART I.

ENACTMENTS referred to in Section 26 of this Act.

15 & 16 Geo. 3. (Irish), c. 21. s. 2.
60 Geo. 3. & 1 Geo. 4. c. 1. s. 1.
Principal Act (11 & 12 Vict. c. 2.), ss. 9 and 12.
Section 6 of this Act.

PART II.

PARTS of ACTS referred to in Section 41 of this Act.

3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 91. ss. 12 and 19.
16 & 17 Vict. c. 113. ss. 109, 110, 111, and 112.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Defence in an Action under Section 33 of this Act.

A.B., Plaintiff. } Court of day, the day of
C.D., Defendant. } 187 .

THE said *A.B.* appears and takes defence to the action of the said *C.D.*, and says, that notice respecting the said (1) was duly published and served in accordance with the provisions of Part III. of the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, and the defendant says that the acts in the summons and plaint complained of were done under and by virtue of a certain warrant under the hand of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, bearing date the day of , and issued under the authority of Part III. of the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1870, in respect of a certain newspaper specified in such warrant, to wit (1), and which newspaper the defendant avers contained (2), the particulars of which are endorsed hereon, and the defendant says that the chattels seized were (3), and therefore he defends the action.

Endorsement of Particulars.

[*Describe or state the engraving, matter, expressions, or incitements, as in Warrant.*]

(1) *State name of newspaper.*
(2) *State in terms of Act the nature of the matter on account of which warrant issued.*
(3) *State in terms of Act, e. gr., copies of such newspaper or printing presses, &c. (as the case may be) used or employed, or intended to be used or employed, or reasonably suspected to be or to have been used or employed (according to the alleged facts), or found in or about certain premises (to wit) where such newspaper was printed or published or sold (as the case may be).*

CHAP. 10.

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Coinage and Her Majesty's Mint. [4th April 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Coinage and Her Majesty's Mint:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Coinage Act, 1870."

Definitions of terms.

2. In this Act—

The term "Treasury" means the Lord High Treasurer for the time being, or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being, or any two of them;

The term "the Mint" means, except as expressly provided, Her Majesty's Royal Mint in England;

The term "British possession" means any colony, plantation, island, territory, or settlement within Her Majesty's dominions and not within the United Kingdom; and

The term "person" includes a body corporate.

Standard of coins.

3. All coins made at the Mint of the denominations mentioned in the first schedule to this Act shall be of the weight and fineness specified in that schedule, and the standard trial plates shall be made accordingly.

If any coin of gold, silver, or bronze, but of any other denomination than that of the coins mentioned in the first schedule to this Act, is hereafter coined at the Mint, such coin shall be of a weight and fineness bearing the same proportion to the weight and fineness specified in that schedule as the denomination of such coin bears to the denominations mentioned in that schedule.

Provided that in the making of coins a remedy (or variation from the standard weight and fineness specified in the said first schedule) shall be allowed of an amount not exceeding the amount specified in that schedule.

Legal tender.

4. A tender of payment of money, if made in coins which have been issued by the Mint in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and have not been called in by any proclamation made in pursuance of this Act, and have not become diminished in weight, by wear or otherwise, so as to be of less weight than the current weight, that is to say, than the weight (if any) specified as the least current weight in the first schedule to this Act, or less than such weight as may be declared by any proclamation made in pursuance of this Act, shall be a legal tender,—

In the case of gold coins for a payment of any amount:

In the case of silver coins for a payment of an amount not exceeding forty shillings, but for no greater amount:

In the case of bronze coins for a payment of an amount not exceeding one shilling, but for no greater amount.

Nothing in this Act shall prevent any paper currency which under any Act or otherwise is a legal tender from being a legal tender.

Prohibition of other coins and tokens.

5. No piece of gold, silver, copper, or bronze, or of any metal or mixed metal, of any value whatever, shall be made or issued, except by the Mint, as a coin or a token for money, or as purporting that the holder thereof is entitled to demand any value denoted thereon. Every person who acts in contravention of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Contracts, &c. to be made in currency.

6. Every contract, sale, payment, bill, note, instrument, and security for money, and every transaction, dealing, matter, and thing whatever relating to money, or involving the payment of or the liability to pay any money, which is made, executed, or entered into, done or had, shall be made, executed, entered into, done and had according to the coins which are current and legal tender in pursuance of this Act, and not otherwise, unless the same be made, executed, entered into, done or had according to the currency of some British possession or some foreign state.

Defacing light gold coin.

7. Where any gold coin of the realm is below the current weight as provided by this Act, or where any coin is called in by any proclamation, every person shall, by himself or others, cut, break, or deface any such coin tendered to him in payment, and the person tendering the same shall bear the loss.

If any coin cut, broken, or defaced in pursuance of this section is not below the current weight, or has not been called in by any proclamation, the person cutting, breaking, or defacing the same shall receive the same in payment according to its denomination. Any dispute which may arise under this section may be determined by a summary proceeding.

Coining of bullion taken to the Mint.

8. Where any person brings to the Mint any gold bullion, such bullion shall be assayed and coined, and delivered out to such person, without any charge for such assay or coining, or for waste in coinage:

Provided that—

(1.) If the fineness of the whole of the bullion so brought to the Mint is such that it cannot be brought to the standard fineness under this Act of the coin to be coined thereout, without refining some portion of it, the master of the Mint may refuse to receive, assay, or coin such bullion:

(2.) Where the bullion so brought to the Mint is finer than the standard fineness under this Act of the coin to be coined thereout, there shall be delivered to the person bringing the same such additional amount of coin as is proportionate to such superior fineness.

No undue preference shall be shown to any person under this section, and every person shall have priority according to the time at which he brought such bullion to the Mint.

Purchase of bullion.

9. The Treasury may from time to time issue to the master of the Mint, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund, such sums as may be necessary to enable him to purchase bullion in order to provide supplies of coin for the public service.

Payment of profits, &c. to Exchequer.

10. All sums received by the master of the Mint, or any deputy master or officer of the Mint, in payment for coin produced from bullion purchased by him, and all fees and payments received by the master or any deputy master or officer of the Mint as such, shall (save as otherwise provided in the case of any branch mint in a British possession by a proclamation respecting such branch mint) be paid into the receipt of the Exchequer, and carried to the Consolidated Fund.

Regulations by proclamation.

11. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time by proclamation to do all or any of the following things; namely,

(1.) To determine the dimension of and design for any coin:

(2.) To determine the denominations of coins to be coined at the Mint:

(3.) To diminish the amount of remedy allowed by the first schedule to this Act in the case of any coin:

(4.) To determine the weight (not being less than the weight (if any) specified in the first schedule to this Act) below which a coin, whether diminished in weight by wear or otherwise, is not to be a current or a legal tender:

(5.) To call in coins of any date or denomination, or any coins coined before the date in the proclamation mentioned:

(6.) To direct that any coins, other than gold, silver, or bronze, shall be current and be a legal tender for the payment of any amount not exceeding the amount specified in the proclamation, and not exceeding five shillings:

(7.) To direct that coins coined in any foreign country shall be current, and be a legal tender, at such rates, up to such amounts, and in such portion of Her Majesty's dominions as may be specified in the proclamation; due regard being had in fixing those rates to the weight and fineness of such coins, as compared with the current coins of this realm:

(8.) To direct the establishment of any branch of the Mint in any British possession, and impose a charge for the coinage of gold thereat; determine the application of such charge; and determine the extent to which such branch is to be deemed part of the Mint, and to which coins issued therefrom are to be current and be a legal tender, and to be deemed to be issued from the Mint:

(9.) To direct that the whole or any part of this Act shall apply to and be in force in any British possession, with or without any modifications contained in the proclamation:

(10.) To regulate any matters relative to the coinage and the Mint within the present prerogative of the Crown which are not provided for by this Act:

(11.) To revoke or alter any proclamation previously made.

Every such proclamation shall come into operation on the date therein in that behalf mentioned, and shall have effect as if it were enacted in this Act.

Trial of the pyx.

12. For the purpose of ascertaining that coins issued from the Mint have been coined in accordance with this Act, a trial of the pyx shall be held at least once in every year in which coins have been issued from the Mint.

It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, by order, to make regulations respecting the trial of the pyx and all matters incidental thereto, and in particular respecting the following matters; viz.,

(1.) The time and place of the trial:

(2.) The setting apart out of the coins issued by the Mint certain coins for the trial:

(3.) The summoning of a jury of not less than six out of competent freemen of the mystery of goldsmiths of the city of London or other competent persons:

(4.) The attendance at the trial of the jury so summoned, and of the proper officers of the Treasury, the Board of Trade, and the Mint, and the production of the coins so set apart, and of the standard trial plates and standard weights:

(5.) The proceedings at and conduct of the trial, including the nomination of some person to preside thereat, and the swearing of the jury, and the mode of examining the coins:

(6.) The recording and the publication of the verdict, and the custody of the record thereof, and the proceedings (if any) to be taken in consequence of such verdict.

Every such order shall come into operation on the date therein in that behalf mentioned, and shall have effect as if it were enacted in this Act, but may be revoked or altered by any subsequent order under this section.

Regulations by Treasury.

13. The Treasury may from time to time do all or any of the following things:

(1.) Fix the number and duties of the officers of and persons employed in the Mint:

(2.) Make regulations and give directions (subject to the provisions of this Act and any proclamation made thereunder) respecting the general management of the Mint, and revoke and alter such regulations and directions.

Master and Officers of Mint.

Master of Mint.

14. The Chancellor of the Exchequer for the time being shall be the master, worker, and warden of Her Majesty's Royal Mint in England, and governor of the Mint in Scotland.

Provided that nothing in this section shall render the Chancellor of the Exchequer incapable of being elected to or of sitting or voting in the House of Commons, or vacate the seat of the person who at the passing of this Act holds the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer.

All duties, powers, and authorities imposed on or vested in or to be transacted before the master of the Mint may be performed and exercised by or transacted before him or his sufficient deputy.

Deputy masters and officers.

15. The Treasury may from time to time appoint deputy masters and other officers and persons for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Mint in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and assign them their duties, and award them their salaries.

The master of the Mint may from time to time promote, suspend, and remove any such deputy masters, officers, and persons.

Standard Trial Plates and Weights.

Custody, &c. of standard trial plates.

16. The standard trial plates of gold and silver used for determining the justness of the gold and silver coins of the realm issued from the Mint, which now exist or may hereafter be made, and all books, documents, and things used in connexion therewith or in relation thereto, shall be in the custody of the Board of Trade, and shall be kept in such places and in such manner as the Board of Trade may from time to time direct; and the performance of all duties in relation to such trial plates shall be part of the business of the Standard weights and measures Department of the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade shall from time to time, when necessary, cause new standard trial plates to be made and duly verified, of such standard fineness as may be in conformity with the provisions of this Act.

Standard weights for coin.

17. The standard weights for weighing and testing the coin of the realm shall be placed in the custody of the Board of Trade, and be kept in such places and in such manner as the Board of Trade may from time to time direct; and the performance of all duties in relation to such standard weights shall be part of the business of the Standard weights and measures Department of the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade shall from time to time cause weights of each coin of the realm for the time being, and of multiples of such of those weights as may be required, to be

made and duly verified; and those weights, when approved by Her Majesty in Council, shall be the standard weights for determining the justness of the weight of and for weighing such coin.

The master of the Mint shall from time to time cause copies to be made of such standard weights, and once at least in every year the Board of Trade and the master of the Mint shall cause such copies to be compared and duly verified with the standard weights in the custody of the Board of Trade.

All weights which are not less in weight than the weight prescribed by the first schedule to this Act for the lightest coin, and are used for weighing coin, shall be compared with the said standard weights, and if found to be just shall, on payment of such fee, not exceeding five shillings, as the Board of Trade from time to time prescribe, be marked by some officer of the Standard weights and measures Department of the Board of Trade with a mark approved of by the Board of Trade, and notified in the London Gazette; and a weight which is required by this section to be so compared, and is not so marked, shall not be deemed a just weight for determining the weight of gold and silver coin of the realm.

If any person forges or counterfeits such mark, or any weight so marked, or wilfully increases or diminishes any weight so marked, or knowingly utters, sells, or uses any weight with such counterfeit mark, or any weight so increased or diminished, or knowingly uses any weight declared by this section not to be a just weight, such person shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds.

All fees paid under this section shall be paid into the Exchequer, and carried to the Consolidated Fund.

Legal Proceedings.

Summary procedure.

18. Any summary proceeding under this Act may be taken, and any penalty under this Act may be recovered,—

In England, before two justices of the peace in manner directed by the Act of the session of the eleventh and twelfth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter forty-three, intituled "An Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of justices of the peace out "of sessions within England and Wales with respect to summary convictions and orders," and any Act amending the same.

In Scotland, in manner directed by The Summary Procedure Act, 1864.

In Ireland, so far as respects Dublin, in manner directed by the Acts regulating the powers of justices of the peace or the police of Dublin metropolis, and elsewhere in manner directed by The Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851, and any Act amending the same.

In any British possession, in the courts, and before such justices or magistrates, and in the manner in which the like proceedings and penalties may be taken and recovered by the law of such possession, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, or in such other courts, or before such other justices or magistrates, or in such other manner as any Act or Ordinance having the force of law in such possession may from time to time provide.

Miscellaneous.

Extent of Act.

19. This Act, save as expressly provided by this Act, or by any proclamation made thereunder, shall not extend to any British possession.

Repeal of Acts and parts of Acts in second schedule.

20. The Acts mentioned in the first part of the second schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of such schedule mentioned, and those mentioned in the second part of the same schedule are hereby repealed entirely.

Provided that,—

(1.) This repeal shall not affect anything already done or suffered, or any right already acquired or accrued:

(2.) All weights for weighing coin which have before the passing of this Act been marked at the Mint or by any proper officer shall be deemed to have been marked under this Act:

(3.) Every branch of the Mint which at the passing of this Act issues coins in any British possession shall, until the date fixed by any proclamation made in pursuance of this Act with respect to such branch Mint, continue in all respects to

have the same power of issuing coins and be in the same position as if this Act had not passed, and coins so issued shall be deemed for the purpose of this Act to have been issued from the Mint:

(4.) The said Acts (unless relating to a branch Mint and unless in the said schedule expressly otherwise mentioned) are not repealed so far as they apply to any British possession to which this Act does not extend until a proclamation directing that this Act or any part thereof, with or without any modification contained in the proclamation, shall be in force in such British possession comes into operation.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Denomination of Coin.	Standard Weight.		Least Current Weight.		Standard Fineness.	Remedy Allowance.		
						Weight per piece.		Millesimal Fineness.
	Imperial Weight. Grains.	Metric Weight. Grams.	Imperial Weight. Grains.	Metric Weight. Grams.		Imperial Grains.	Metric Grams.	
GOLD:								
Five Pound -	616·37239	39·94028	612·50000	39·68935	Eleven-twelfths fine gold, one-twelfth alloy; or millesimal fineness 916·66	1·00000	0·06479	0·002
Two Pound -	246·54895	15·97611	245·00000	15·87574		0·40000	0·02592	
Sovereign -	123·27447	7·98805	122·50000	7·93787		0·20000	0·01296	
Half Sovereign	61·63723	3·99402	61·12500	3·96083		0·10000	0·00648	
SILVER:								
Crown - -	436·36363	28·27590	—	—	Thirty-seven-fortieths fine silver, three-fortieths alloy; or millesimal fineness 925·	1·81818	0·11781	0·004
Half Crown -	218·18181	14·13795	—	—		0·90909	0·05890	
Florin - -	174·54545	11·31036	—	—		0·72727	0·04712	
Shilling - -	87·27272	5·65518	—	—		0·36363	0·02356	
Sixpence -	43·63636	2·82759	—	—		0·18181	0·01178	
Groat or Fourpence.	29·09090	1·88506	—	—		0·12121	0·00785	
Threepence -	21·81818	1·41379	—	—		0·09090	0·00589	
Twopence -	14·54545	0·94253	—	—		0·06060	0·00392	
Penny - -	7·27272	0·47126	—	—		0·03030	0·00196	
BRONZE:								
Penny - -	145·83333	9·44984	—	—	Mixed metal, copper, tin, and zinc.	2·91666	0·18899	None.
Halfpenny -	87·50000	5·66990	—	—		1·75000	0·11339	
Farthing -	43·75000	2·83495	—	—		0·87500	0·05669	

The weight and fineness of the coins specified in this Schedule are according to what is provided by the Act fifty-six George the Third, chapter sixty-eight, that the gold coin of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland should hold such weight and fineness as were prescribed in the then existing Mint indenture (that is to say), that there should be nine hundred and thirty-four sovereigns and one ten shilling piece contained in twenty pounds weight troy of standard gold, of the fineness at the trial of the same of twenty-two carats fine gold and two carats of alloy in the pound weight troy; and further, as regards silver coin, that there should be sixty-six shillings in every pound troy of standard silver of the fineness of eleven ounces two pennyweights of fine silver and eighteen pennyweights of alloy in every pound weight troy.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

FIRST PART.

Acts partly repealed.

Year and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
2 Hen. 6. c. 17.* -	For regulating and ascertaining the fineness of silver work.	So much as relates to the master of the Mint.
29 & 30 Vict. c. 82. -	An Act to amend the Acts relating to the standard weights and measures, and to the standard trial pieces of the coin of the realm.	Section thirteen.

* c. 14. in Ruffhead.

SECOND PART.

Acts wholly repealed.

Year and Chapter.	Title.
18 & 19 Cha. 2. c. 5.* -	An Act for encouraging of coinage.
‡6 Anne, c. 57.† -	An Act for ascertaining the rates of foreign coins in Her Majesty's plantations in America.
‡13 Geo. 3. c. 57. -	An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the fourth year of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to prevent paper bills of credit hereafter to be "issued in any of His Majesty's colonies or plantations in America from being "declared to be a legal tender in payments of money, and to prevent the legal "tender of such bills as are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the "periods limited for calling in and sinking the same."
14 Geo. 3. c. 70. -	An Act for applying a certain sum of money for calling in and recoining the deficient gold coin of this realm; and for regulating the manner of receiving the same at the Bank of England, and of taking there an account of the deficiency of the said coin and making satisfaction for the same; and for authorising all persons to cut and deface all gold coin that shall not be allowed to be current by His Majesty's proclamation.
14 Geo. 3. c. 92. -	An Act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom.
15 Geo. 3. c. 30. -	An Act for allowing the officer appointed to mark or stamp the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom, in pursuance of an Act made in the last session of Parliament, to take certain fees in the execution of his office.
39 Geo. 3. c. 94. -	An Act to ascertain the salary of the master and worker of His Majesty's Mint.
52 Geo. 3. c. 138. -	An Act for the further prevention of the counterfeiting of silver tokens issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England called dollars, and of silver pieces issued and circulated by the said Governor and Company called tokens, and for the further prevention of frauds practised by the imitation of the notes or bills of the said Governor and Company.
52 Geo. 3. c. 157. -	An Act to prevent the issuing and circulating of pieces of gold and silver or other metal, usually called tokens, except such as are issued by the Banks of England and Ireland respectively.
54 Geo. 3. c. 4. - -	An Act to continue until six weeks after the commencement of the next session of Parliament an Act passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act "to continue and amend an Act of the present session, to prevent the issuing "and circulating of pieces of gold and silver or other metal, usually called "tokens, except such as are issued by the Banks of England and Ireland "respectively."
56 Geo. 3. c. 68. -	An Act to provide for a new silver coinage, and to regulate the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm.
57 Geo. 3. c. 46. -	An Act to prevent the issuing and circulating of pieces of copper or other metal usually called tokens.
57 Geo. 3. c. 67. -	An Act to regulate certain offices, and abolish others, in His Majesty's Mints in England and Scotland respectively.
57 Geo. 3. c. 113. -	An Act to prevent the further circulation of dollars and tokens issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England for the convenience of the public.
6 Geo. 4. c. 79. - -	An Act to provide for the assimilation of the currency and moneys of account throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
6 Geo. 4. c. 98. - -	An Act to prevent the further circulation of tokens issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland for the convenience of the public, and for defraying the expense of exchanging such tokens.
1 & 2 Will. 4. c. 10. -	An Act to reduce the salary of the master and worker of His Majesty's Mint.
7 Will. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 9.	An Act to amend several Acts relating to the Royal Mint.
12 & 13 Vict. c. 41. -	An Act to extend an Act of the fifty-sixth year of King George the Third, for providing for a new silver coinage, and for regulating the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm.
22 & 23 Vict. c. 30. -	An Act to extend the enactments relating to the copper coin to coin of mixed metal.
26 & 27 Vict. c. 74. -	An Act to enable Her Majesty to declare gold coins to be issued from Her Majesty's Branch Mint at Sydney, New South Wales, a legal tender for payments; and for other purposes relating thereto.
29 & 30 Vict. c. 65. -	An Act to enable Her Majesty to declare gold coins to be issued from Her Majesty's Colonial Branch Mints a legal tender for payments; and for other purposes relating thereto.

* 18 Cha. 2. in Ruffhead. † c. 30. in Ruffhead.

‡ Repealed as to the whole of Her Majesty's dominions upon the passing of this Act.