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A Collection of Scottish Coins, the Property of a Gentleman (Part II)

David I (1124-1153)

Period D



- 601 Sterling, mint and moneyer uncertain, crowned bust right with sceptre, [-]DNOV[-], rev. cross fleurdelysée, pellet in angles, [-]—], 1.41g (cf. SCBI 35, 9ff; B —, fig. 8B, same obv. die; S 5010). *Of good metal and very fine but much flatness, patches of dark deposit on reverse, very rare* £1,200-£1,500

William the Lion (1165-1214)

Crescent and Pellet coinage, Phase II



- 602 Sterling, Phase II, Roxburgh, Raul, bust left with wide crown and holding sceptre with cross pommée sceptre-head, LE REI WILLAM, rev. RAVL DE ROCBVR, short cross pattée with crescent and pellet in each angle, 1.45g/8h (cf. SCBI 35, 42ff; B 14, fig. —; S 5024). *Very fine and toned, rare* £400-£600

Provenance: DNW Auction 128, 11 February 2015, lot 169

Short Cross and Stars coinage, Phase A



- 603 Sterling, Phase A, Roxburgh, Raul, bust left, LE REI WI LAM, rev. RAVL ON ROCE, short voided cross, four stars of six points in angles, 1.46g/6h (SCBI 35, —; B 3b figs. 42C; S 5027). *Full and round, about very fine* £240-£300

Provenance: North Yorkshire Moors Collection, Part III, DNW Auction 168, 29 January 2020, lot 993 [from Spink 1966]

Short Cross and Stars coinage, Phase B



- 604 Sterling, Phase B, class I, no mint name, Hue Walter, crude bust left with crescent hair and pellet crown, LE REI WILA+, rev. HVE WALT : o, short voided cross, three stars of six points, one of five in angles, 1.28g/6h (cf. SCBI 35, 70; B 11 and fig. 48, same dies; S 5029). *Nearly very fine* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt M.R. Vosper April 2013



- 605** Sterling, Phase B, class III, no mint name, Hue Walter, crude bust left, *LE REI WIL[AM]*, *rev. HVE WALTER*, short voided cross, four stars of five points in angles, 1.35g/9h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 68; B 18, fig. 53; S 5029). *About very fine* £200-£260

Provenance: DNW Auction 55, 8 October 2002, lot 618



- 606** Sterling, Phase B, class IVc, no mint name, Hue Walter, crude bust left, *LE REI WILT*, *rev. HVE WALT' EO*, short voided cross, four stars of five points in angles, 1.28g/12h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 73; B 24, fig. 59; S 5029). *Good fine, reverse fine* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Spink March 1982



- 607** Sterling, Phase B, class VI, no mint name, Walter Hue, crude bust left with sceptre, *WILLELMVS RE+*, *rev. WEVERE HV*, short voided cross, four stars of six points in angles, 1.36g/12h (Jones & Sugden dies 3-D; SCBI 35, –; *cf.* B 29 and fig. 64, same dies; S 5029). *Fine or nearly so, extremely rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Stray metal detector find. Found near Edinburgh 2012, bt January 2013

The few specimens known of this type are mostly in fairly poor condition.

Alexander III (1249-1286)

First coinage



- 608** Sterling, type IIIa, Berwick, Robert, *RO BER TO NB'*, pellets and saltires on sceptre handle, 'florid' x, 1.35g/10h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 105; B –, fig. –; S 5043). *Very fine, the variety rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt eBay November 2013

Robert was the main moneyer at Berwick, being responsible for two-thirds of the production of type III.



- 609** Sterling, type IIIb, Perth, Ion Cokin, *ION CO RIN ONP'*, 'scissors' x, 1.49g/11h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 129-130; B 39, fig. 112, same *obv.* die; S 5043). *About very fine but part flat* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Edinburgh Coin Shop, c. 1982

Originally read as Corin, it has been suggested that the moneyer may have been one Iohannes Cokyn who was witness to a land charter in 1240 and an ex-Provost of the burgh.



- 610** Sterling, type IIIId, Glasgow, Walter, WAL TE RON GLA, cursive T and G, 1.30g/5h (Holmes BNJ dies 6/P; SCBI 35, 121, same *obv.* die; B 57 and fig. 128, same dies; S 5043). *On a full flan, good very fine and rare thus* £400-£500

Provenance: Bt through D. Stuart April 2018

Obverse also used at Dun, Fres and Montrose [Scottish Mints p.278, *obv.* die link 11].



- 611** Sterling, type IIIId, Roxburgh, Adam, AD AM ON RO, 1.54g/4h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 133; B 27, fig. 124; S 5043). *Flat on one edge, very fine* £200-£300

Provenance: From the Colchester II (Essex) Hoard, 1969; bt D.L. Cavanagh July 1999

Roxburgh was one of the more important First coinage mints - representing 8% of the coins in the Brussels hoard, as many as 13% in Colchester II.



- 612** Sterling, type III, 'Dun', Walter, WA LTE RON DVN, VN ligulated, 1.45g/10h (Holmes BNJ dies 6/F [not in study]; SCBI 35, 110-11; B 59, fig. 130; S 5043). *About very fine, toned* £300-£400

Provenance: From the Colchester II (Essex) Hoard, 1969; Sotheby Auction, 24 March 1971, lot 158; North Yorkshire Moors Collection, Part III, DNW Auction 168, 29 January 2020, lot 996 [from Spink April 1971]



- 613** Sterling, type V, Edinburgh, Wilam, WIL AM ON' ED, 1.50g/3h (*cf.* SCBI 35, -; B 64a-c and figs 94A-C, same dies; S 5045). *Very fine with old cabinet toning* £240-£300

Provenance: From the Brussels (Belgium) Hoard, 1908; R.C. Lockett Collection, Part II, Glendining Auction, 26 October 1960, lot 753 (part); bt Spink February 1982

Edinburgh produced about 8% of the recoinage type III but is responsible for almost the entire output of type V.



- 614** Sterling, type VII, Roxburgh, Adam, AD AM ON RO, 1.28g/6h (SCBI 35, -; B -, fig. -; S 5047). *Some old surface scratches, good fine or better, rare* £200-£260

Provenance: From the Brussels (Belgium) Hoard 1908; J. Davidson Collection [from Baldwin October 1910]; CNG eAuction 429, 26 September 2018 (541)



- 615** Sterling, type VIII, Berwick, Willem, *WILL ON BER*, tufted crown, 1.62g/12h (SCBI 35, –; B 18a, fig. 95A, same rev. die; S 5048). *Reverse slightly off centre, good fine* £150-£200

Provenance: DNW Auction 58, 24-5 June 2003, lot 639

This variety is one of the earlier issues of type VIII, the obverse die also being used at Perth, which closed well before the end of the coinage.



- 616** Sterling, type VIII, Berwick, Walter, *w[L]ATE RON BER*, tufted crown, 1.56g/3h (SCBI 35, –; B –, fig. –; S 5048). *Some scratches in the reverse legend, nearly very fine and toned, rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt M.R. Vosper October 2016

This obverse die was altered in three stages to become the only 'pellet crown' die (Burns fig. 89). This coin shows stage one of the process.



- 617** Sterling, type VIII, Berwick, Walter, *WAI TER ON BER*, die 'x', with retrograde *obv.* legend, 1.38g/11h (SCBI 35, –; B 12, fig. 88, same *obv.* die; S 5048). *Usual large die-breaks on obverse, very fine, toned* £200-£300

Provenance: SNC October 1987; bt ABC Coins and Tokens March 2004



- 618** Sterling, 'post-Brussels A', Berwick, Iohan, *IO HA NO NB*, pelleted hair, colon after *REX*, 1.39g/5h (SCBI 35, –; cf. B 14, fig. 90; cf. S 5048). *Neatly struck on a round flan, good very fine and rare thus* £300-£360

Provenance: Bt December 2011

This late group of coins, probably struck c. 1264-70, seems to be exclusive to the moneyer Iohan at Berwick. This example has large lettering, one of a number of letter founts used for the issue, suggesting it was struck over a considerable period of time.



- 619** Sterling, 'post-Brussels A', Berwick, Iohan, *IOH AN ON BER*, pelleted hair (irregular rows), small lettering, 1.30g/2h (SCBI 35, –; cf. B –14 –16, figs 90-2; cf. S 5048). *Good very fine* £300-£360

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins and Tokens March 2018

The vendor notes this coin has medium sized lettering



- 620 Sterling, 'post-Brussels A', Berwick, Iohan, IOH AN ON BER, pelleted hair (two vertical rows), smaller lettering, 1.38g/6h (SCBI 35, -; B 15-16, figs. 91-2; cf. S 5048). *About very fine* £200-£260

Provenance: Stray metal detector find, Morpeth (Northumberland), 2007

This coin has lettering from mixed medium- and small-sized founts.

Second coinage



- 621 Sterling, class A, mm. plain cross on *obv.* only, bust left with little backsweep to hair, reads ALEXSANDER DEI : G'RA, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, reads REX SCOT:TORVM, triple-pellet stop after REX, 1.33g/6h (cf. SCBI 35, 192-4; cf. B 6, fig. 147A; S 5050). *Good fine, very rare, the reverse legend variety unpublished* £200-£300



- 622 Sterling, class A/M mule, mm. cross potent on *obv.* plain cross on *rev.*, bust left with little backsweep to hair, reads ALEXSADER · DEI : G'RA, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, reads REX SCOTORVM+, 1.35g/3h (cf. SCBI 35, 192-4; B 21, fig. 149, same *obv.* die; S 5050/5053). *Very fine but slightly weak on face, rare* £120-£150

Provenance: A stray metal detector find from North Yorkshire, 2012; bt eBay March 2014



- 623 Sterling, class Bb/M mule, mm. cross potent on *obv.*, plain cross on *rev.*, bust left with wide, oval eyes, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.36g/3h (cf. SCBI 35, 197-8 for *rev.*; B 20, fig. 146; S 5052/5053). *Very fine, toned, the mule rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Spink February 2008

The vendor notes that class Bb obverses are only rarely found with class M reverses.



- 624 Sterling, class Bc/M mule, mm. cross potent on *obv.*, plain cross on *rev.*, bust left with wide, oval eyes, reads GR'A, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.34g/1h (SCBI 35, 186, same *obv.* die; cf. B 18, fig. 145; S 5052/5053). *Very fine or better, toned, the mule scarce* £150-£200

Provenance: Davissons Mailbid Sale 35, 3 February 2016 (270)



- 625** Sterling, class Be, mm. cross potent, bust left with wide, oval eyes, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.47g/2h (SCBI 35, 181, same dies; *cf.* B 16, fig. 143 for *obv.*; S 5052). *Very fine or better and toned but reverse a little double-struck, very rare, especially in this condition* £150-£200

Provenance: From the Middridge (Co Durham) Hoard, 1974; DNW Auction 92, 21 June 2011, lot 296

The vendor is of the opinion that Be is the rarest of the class B varieties, with most known specimens being in relatively worn condition.

- 626** Sterlings (2), class Ma/B mule, mm. cross potent on *rev.* only, bust left with little backsweep to hair, pellet after DEI, reads GRA, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.28g/11h; class Ma, similar but mm cross potent on *obv.* plain cross on *rev.*, pellets on intermediate points of crown, reads G'RA, *rev.* pellet after REX, 1.28g/1h (SCBI 35, -, -; *cf.* B 23, fig. 153, B p.169, 26 var. [?]; S 5053/5052, 5053) [2]. *Good fine and both very rare varieties but both chipped* £120-£150

Provenance: First bt eBay October 2009; second bt eBay October 2006



- 627** Sterling, class Mb1/B mule, mm. plain cross on *obv.*, cross potent on *rev.*, bust left with wider hair, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.37g/8h (SCBI 35, -; B 25, fig. 158; S 5054/5052). *Nearly very fine, lightly toned, the mule apparently extremely rare* £120-£150

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh May 1982



- 628** Sterling, class Mb1, mm. plain cross on *obv.*, cross pattée on *rev.*, bust left with wider hair, no pellets on points of crown, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.37g/2h (SCBI 35, 197; *cf.* B 15, fig. 157; S 5054). *Very fine or better, toned* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt Vale Coins June 2005

- 629** Sterling, class Mb1, mm. cross pattée, bust left with wider hair, small colon after GRA, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.39g/10h (SCBI 35, -; B 15, fig. 157; S 5054). *Of bright appearance, nearly very fine, the variety scarce* £80-£100

Provenance: Great Western Auctions (Glasgow), 24-5 March 2017, lot 386 (part); DNW Auction 164, 9 October 2019, lot 2682 (part)



- 630** Sterling, class Mb2, mm. cross pattée, bust left with wider hair, unseriffed punch used for I and N, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.41g/2h (SCBI 35, 213; B 44, fig. 178; S 5054). *Of bright appearance, very fine or better* £100-£120

Provenance: Great Western Auctions (Glasgow), 24-5 March 2017, lot 372 (part); DNW Auction 185, 1 December 2020, lot 507 (part)



- 631** Sterling, class Mb2, mm. cross pattée, bust left with wider hair, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, reads *SEOTORVM*, 1.41g/5h (SCBI 35, 213; B 44, fig. 178; S 5054). *About very fine, the error reading rare* £80-£100

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins May 2017



- 632** Sterling, class Mb2, mm. plain cross, bust left with wider hair, no pellets on points of crown, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, pellet after *REX*, 1.37g/10h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 216; B 65, fig. 181; S 5054). *Sometime cleaned, nearly very fine, the reverse variety very rare* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt eBay November 2011



- 633** Sterling, class Mb2/R mule, mm. cross pattée, bust left with wider hair, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, distinctive looped *R* in *REX* and *SCOTORVM*, 1.36g/2h (BNJ 1990, p.47; SCBI 35, 232; B –, fig. –; S 5054/5055A). *Of bright appearance, very fine, the reverse variety very rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Great Western Auctions (Glasgow), 24-5 March 2017, lot 386 (part); DNW Auction 164, 9 October 2019, lot 2681 (part)

Out of records covering many hundreds of coins, the vendor knows of only a handful of class R pieces. Including this specimen, he has recorded three Mb2/R mules, a D2/R25 mule and two true coins.

- 634** Sterlings (2), class Mb3, mm. cross pattée, bust left with wider hair, pellets on points of crown and on sceptre, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.37g/10h, class Mb3/E mule, similar but no pellets on crown, *rev.* two mullets of six, two stars of seven points, 1.42g/6h (SCBI 35, –, 284; B 71, 73, figs. 189, 191; S 5054, 5054/5055) [2]. *Nearly very fine, first sometime cleaned and a very rare variety, second toned* £150-£200

Provenance: First bt ABC Coins June 2011, second bt eBay May 2007



- 635** Sterling, class Mc2, mm. plain cross, bust left with wider hair, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points, 1.36g/9h (SCBI 35, 215; *cf.* B 51, fig. 199; S 5055). *Very fine* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt Spink October 1980



- 636** Sterling, class Mc2/E mule, mm. plain cross, bust left with wider hair, *rev.* two mullets of six, two stars of seven points, 1.35g/6h (cf. SCBI 35, 285; B 75, fig. 204; S 5055/5056). *Nearly very fine* £80-£100

Provenance: Bt Seaby June 1983



- 637** Sterling, class E1, mm. cross pattée, lettering with incurved uprights, bust left, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of five points in angles, small pellets beneath sco and vmt, 1.36g/7h (SCBI 35, 247; B 36, fig. 168; S 5056). *Slightly weak in places, otherwise very fine, toned* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh May 1982



- 638** Sterling, class E1, mm. plain cross on *obv.*, cross potent on *rev.*, lettering with incurved uprights, bust left, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.30g/11h (SCBI 35, 204; B 37, fig. 169; S 5056). *About very fine, toned* £80-£100

Provenance: Elsen Auction 72 (Brussels), December 2002, lot 1257; CNG eAuction 429, 26 September 2018 (546)



- 639** Sterling, class E1, mm. plain cross, lettering with incurved uprights, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six points and two stars of seven points in angles, 1.38g/12h (SCBI 35, 274; B 64a/38, figs. 177A/170; S 5056). *About very fine, toned* £100-£120

Provenance: Patrick Finn FPL 18, January 2000 (337)



- 640** Sterling, class E2, mm. cross potent, lettering with incurved uprights, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of five and two of six points in angles, 1.29g/6h (SCBI 35, –; B 35, fig. 167; S 5056). *Fine, reverse better, rare* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh 1983

Possibly St Andrews, given that mint-signed coins of Baliol have this combination of stars and mullets totalling 22 points.



- 641 Sterling, class E2, mm. cross pattée on *obv.*, cross potent on *rev.*, lettering with incurved uprights, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six points and two stars of seven points in angles, 1.32g/9h (SCBI 35, 273; B 58a/38, figs. 172A/170; S 5056). *Nearly very fine, toned* £80-£100

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh July 1981



- 642 Sterling, class D1/E mule, mm. cross potent on *obv.*, pattée on *rev.*, lettering incurved, bust left, *rev.* long cross, one star of five, three mullets of six points in angles, 1.32g/2h (SCBI 35, –; B 55/36, figs. 162/168; S 5057/5056). *About very fine and excessively rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt M. Roberts July 2016

The vendor notes 'This coin is of extreme rarity, possible unique. In the Stewart/North die study, there is no listing of a class D1 with a 23-point reverse, nor a D2 for that matter. There is no published example of this coin from any hoard. This reverse die, however, is found coupled with a normal E2 obverse.



- 643 Sterling, class D1/E mule, mm. cross potent, lettering incurved, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six points, two stars of seven in angles, 1.36g/11h (SCBI 35, –; B 56/55, fig. 163/162; S 5057/5056). *Sometime cleaned, very fine and unusually well struck for this issue* £100-£120

Provenance: Reported to have been a stray metal-detector find from 2005. Found on a footpath following an old (now dry) waterway between Southampton and Winchester; bt eBay January 2006

The vendor notes the unusual lettering on the obverse of this coin. The first two As are unbarred, the third is from a punch normally found on coins of class E. He knows of no other die with unbarred As or with a class E A punch



- 644 Sterling, class D1/E mule, mm. cross potent, lettering straight-sided on *obv.*, incurved on *rev.*, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six points and two stars of seven points in angles (stars beneath sco and vm), 1.42g/3h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 268-70; *cf.* B 55, fig. 162; S 5057/5056). *Very fine and toned, the reverse variety extremely rare* £120-£150

Provenance: Bt September 2018

This is the only example of a D1 obverse and a 26 point reverse die with stars beneath sco and vm quarters recorded by the vendor.



- 645** Sterling, class D2/M mule, mm. cross potent. bust left with hair swept back, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six, two stars of seven points in angles, 1.35g/6h (SCBI 35, – B –, fig. –; S 5057/5055). *Nearly very fine and extremely rare, the combination unrecorded in the main references* £150-£200

Provenance: Great Western Auctions (Glasgow), 24-5 March 2017, lot 372 (part); DNW Auction 185, 1 December 2020, lot 507 (part)

This is one of only five dies with the with stars in the sco and VM quarters recorded by the vendor and the only one with a D2 obverse.



- 646** Sterling, class D2, mm. cross potent on *obv.*, pattée on *rev.*, lettering straight-sided on *obv.*, incurved on *rev.*, bust left, *rev.* long cross, two mullets of six points and two stars of seven points in angles, 1.44g/7h (SCBI 35, 266; B 30, fig. 160; S 5057). *About very fine* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt eBay November 2008



- 647** Posthumous coinage, Sterling, class H [with late class M *rev.*], mm. cross pattée on *obv.*, plain cross on *rev.*, irregular lettering, crude bust left, *rev.* long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, 1.26g/2h (SCBI 35, –; cf. B 78, fig. 207; S 5058). *Good fine, scarce* £80-£100

Provenance: Exchange D. Stuart April 2019

John Baliol (1292-1296)



- 648** First coinage, Sterling, St Andrews, mm. cross pattée, small irregular lettering, crude bust left, *rev.* CIVITAS SANDRE, two mullets of five, two stars of six points in angles, 1.50g/5h (Holmes and Stewartby dies s11-s1; SCBI 35, 296; B 11, fig. 214; S 5067). *Good fine, rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt M. Vosper November 2018

Edward I and II (1296-1318)

Occupation of Berwick



649 Penny, Berwick-upon-Tweed, class Ib, wide face, reads HYB', 1.46g/5h (SCBI North 1122; N 1072; S 1415). *Small flat areas, very fine* £100-£120

650 Pennies (2), both Berwick-upon-Tweed, class I/IIa mule, wide face, 1.30g/7h (SCBI North —; N 1071/1073; S 1415); class IIb, 1.50g/12h (SCBI North 1128, *this coin*; N 1074; S 1415) [2]. *First with obverse off-centre and partly weak otherwise both about very fine and toned, scarce* £100-£150

Provenance: First J.J. North Collection [from Baldwin July 1993], bt C.J. Martin March 2003; second J.J. North Collection [from Spink 1972], W.J. Conte Collection, bt CNG September 2001; both North Yorkshire Moors Collection (Part II), DNW Auction 159, 3 July 2019, lot 571



651 Penny, Berwick-upon-Tweed, class IIIa/IV mule, narrow face, 1.46g/2h (SCBI North 1133/1135; N 1076/1078; S 1415). *Obverse slightly off-centre, nearly very fine and rare* £80-£100

652 Pennies (2), both Berwick-upon-Tweed, class IVa, 1.52g/11h (SCBI North 1138, *this coin*; N 1078; S 1415); class IVc, 1.42g/2h (SCBI North 1141, *this coin*; N 1080; S 1415) [2]. *About very fine, toned* £120-£150

Provenance: First P. Thorburn Collection, J.J. North Collection [from P.T. January 1952], W.J. Conte Collection, bt C.J. Martin March 2003; second J.J. North Collection [from Spink 1959], W.J. Conte Collection, bt Spink September 2002; both North Yorkshire Moors Collection (Part II), DNW Auction 159, 3 July 2019, lot 579

653 Pennies (2), both Berwick-upon-Tweed, class IVb, Lombardic N in DNS, class IVc, Roman N in DNS, both with pellet on breast, 1.64g/2h, 1.31g/5h (SCBI North 1139-40; N 1079; S 1415) [2]. *Good fine or better* £100-£150



654 Penny, Berwick, class V*, repunched London dies with squinting eyes and 'wishbone' neck, rev. :VIL LAB ERE VYCI, 1.48g/3h (SCBI North 1147, *this coin*; N 1081, note; S 1464). *About very fine, toned, rare* £120-£150

Provenance: F. Elmore-Jones Collection; J.J. North Collection

Edward III (1333-42)



655 Halfpenny, Berwick-upon-Tweed, class VIIIb, bear's head in second and third quarters, VILLA BERVICI, 0.54g/2h (Withers 6c; SCBI North 1159; N 1090; S 1537). *Very fine or better with a strong portrait, rare thus* £200-£300

Robert the Bruce (1306-1329)



- 656** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust 2 left, triple pellet stops, colon before ROBERTVS, rev. long cross, four mullets of five points in angles, 1.43g/4h (Holmes/Stewartby 5-d; SCBI 35, –; B –, fig. 226A, same dies; S 5076). *Good fine and an excessively rare variety* £800-£1,000

Provenance: DNW Auction 54, 19 June 2002, lot 334

David II (1329-1371)

First coinage, First issue



- 657** Halfpenny, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, MONETA : REGIS D, ornate AS, rev. +AV ID'S COT TOR, mullet of five points in first and fourth quarters, 0.69g/4h (Holmes/Stewartby Ac; SCBI 35, –; B –, fig. 248A; S 5080). *Full and round with just a tiny edge chip, very fine and extremely rare thus* £1,200-£1,500

Provenance: Stray metal detector find, Navenby (Lincolnshire), 2016; bt M. Roberts 2017

First coinage, Second issue



- 658** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, larger lettering, no stop after DAVID, pellet after DEI, reads GRACIAI, rev. REX SCO TOR VM+, long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, large lettering, 1.07g/3h (Savage 2/aa; Burns/Dakers Bust 2/Dakers Reverse 1; SCBI 327, and B 4, fig. 231, same obv. die; S 5088). *Very fine but slightly off-centre, very rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt eBay June 2005



- 659** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, smaller lettering, pellet after DAVID, clear sceptre-handle, rev. REX SCT TOR VM+, long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, medium-sized lettering, 1.09g/7h (Savage 4/ad; Burns Bust 3/Dakers Reverse 2; SCBI 332 -3, same obv. die; B 9, fig. 234, same dies; S 5088). *Very fine or better, the reverse error unusual and very rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt M. Vosper August 2004

This is the only reverse die in the coinage to read REX SCT TOR VM+.



- 660** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, smaller lettering, colon after DEI, reads GRACIAI, *rev.* REX SCO TTO RVM, long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, medium-sized lettering, 1.17g/8h (Savage 8/aq; Burns Bust 5/Dakers Reverse 3; SCBI 349, same dies; B 12, 13, fig. 237, same *obv.* die; S 5088). *About very fine, toned* £120-£150

Provenance: Bt L. Bennett May 2007



- 661** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, full sceptre-handle, smaller lettering, no stops, *rev.* REX SCO TTO RVM, long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, medium-sized lettering, 1.05g/12h (Savage 20/as; Burns Bust 6/Dakers Reverse 3; SCBI 353 and B 26, fig. 246, same *obv.* die; S 5088). *Full, round and toned, very fine* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt A.D. Hamilton October 1980



- 662** Sterling, mm. cross pattée, bust left with sceptre, smaller lettering, colon after DAVID pellet after DEI, reads GRACIA, *rev.* REX SCO TTO RVM, long cross, four mullets of six points in angles, medium-sized lettering, 1.04g/1h (Savage 26/bi; Burns Bust 6/Dakers Reverse 3; SCBI 35, 346, same dies; B 29, fig. 247; S 5088). *Very fine and toned* £150-£200

Provenance: With Spink 1968; bt J. Newman 2019

Second coinage



- 663** Groat, class A01, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of seven arcs, nothing in spandrels, saltire stops, ornate v in DAVID, 4.64g/9h (SCBI 35, 364, same *obv.* die; B 8, fig. 254, same *obv.* die; S 5091). *Better than very fine, toned, very rare* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt Spink May 1987

Lord Stewartby updated his original listing of Class A Groats in 'The Scottish Coinage' in the following articles - 'Unpublished Scottish Coins II' (NC 1956) and 'A 14th Century Hoard of Scottish Groats from Balleny Townland Co. Down' (BNJ 1964), pointing out features which suggested that certain groats should be positioned very early in the series, perhaps right at the start. The vendor has designated such groats as A01-A03. The current specimen has three such features, (a) the ornate letter U used to represent the V of king's name, (b) the tressure of seven arcs which appears to be an early experimental feature and soon abandoned and (c) a very large central pellet in the head of the sceptre. The obverse die of this coin is as Balleny Townland Hoard no. 1.

Many of the early dies vary considerably in detail from one to another, suggesting die-cutters were innovating and experimenting before later settling on a formula for a sustained production run.



- 664** Groat, class A1, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, rosette stops, ornate v in DAVID, 4.59g/11h (SCBI 35, 361, same *obv.* die; B 13, fig. 251, same *obv.* die; S 5092). *Good very fine and toned but some double striking and haymarking on King's face, rare* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt Spink November 1987

The vendor notes that this is a rare obverse die, coupled with only three reverses, this one, Burns fig. 251 and SCBI 35, 361.



- 665** Groat, class A5, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, saltire stops, single saltire after SCOTORVM, saltire after P and final R of PTECOR, 4.52g/2h (cf. SCBI 35, 365-7 for type; B -, fig. -,; S 5091). *Tiny mark on forehead, good very fine and attractively toned, rare* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt Stanley Gibbons July 1978

The vendor points out that there is only one specimen from this obverse die in the NMS Collection. There was no example in the Lockett Collection. The reverse die reading LIB ETOR X MS is the only class A reverse die with this reading known to the vendor.



- 666** Groat, class A5, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs and a segmnet, nothing in spandrels, saltire stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, 4.25g/2h (SCBI 35, 365, same *obv.* die; B9, fig. 256, same *obv.* die; S 5091). *About very fine, toned* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt eBay (USA) July 2013

Coins of class A5 with their saltire punctuation and well-defined tressures mark the end of the first phase of this early part of the coinage.



- 667** Groat, class A6, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet stops, saltire after SCOTORVM, 3.73g/6h (SCBI 35, 369 same *obv.* die; B 10, fig. 257, same *obv.* die; S 5091). *Slightly small of flan, good fine or better* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Edinburgh Coin Shop July 1982

The introduction of crosslet stops mark a transition to the next phase of the coinage. The tressure around the king is still relatively well defined.



- 668 Groat, class A7, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet stops, five-pointed star (unpierced) after SCOTORVM, crosslet after VILLA, 4.58g/5h (SCBI 35, 370 same dies; B 12, fig. 259, same dies; S 5091). *Very fine or better, some small surface marks, dark tone* £240-£300

Provenance: R.A. Macpherson Collection, DNW Auction 83, 30 September 2009, lot 3987 [from Baldwin March 1982]

On this type, the crosslet stops continue but the tressure is much less sharply drawn. Burns figs. 254 and 255, used at Aberdeen are very similar to this Edinburgh die and are almost certainly contemporary - a distinct group of three dies produced at the same time.



- 669 Groat, class 'A8', Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs (less well defined), nothing in spandrels, saltire and crosslet stops, reads RCX and COTORVM, double crosslet at end of legend, nothing after VILLA, extra saltire stop after first MS, 4.42g/5h (SCBI 35, -; cf. B 11, fig. 258; S 5091). *Very fine* £240-£300

Provenance: Lord Grantley Collection, Part V, Glendining Auction, 18-19 May 1944, lot 1718 (part); DNW Auction 55, 8 October 2002, lot 664

The odd spellings of RCX and COTORVM, while looking like die-sinker's errors, are almost certainly deliberate as the vendor has traced another two dies with the same details as Burns fig. 258, including the final double crosslet, this coin being from one of them. While Stewart, following Davidson, omitted these dies from his list, the vendor places this group as the penultimate type of class A replacing Stewart's A8 which therefore becomes 'A9' and introduces the ornate A as found on class B dies.



- 670 Groat, class 'A9', Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of six arcs (less well defined), nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops after DAVID, DEI and GRA, nothing after REX, reads COTORVM, unbarred ornate A in GRA, lis at end of legend, reverse-barred ornate AS on rev, 4.16g/1h (SCBI 35, 374, same obv. die; cf. B 15, fig. 262; S 5091). *Slightly irregular flan with light scratches on obverse, nearly very fine, toned, the reverse variety extremely rare* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt R. Johnson August 2001



- 671 Groat, class A7, Aberdeen, mm. cross pattée, small young bust, tressure of seven arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, double crosslet after VILLA, 3.84g/6h (cf. SCBI 35, 376, same obv. die; B 16, fig. 255, same obv. die; S 5103). *Flan creased and surfaces rough, fine or better, very rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt eBay November 2005

See footnote to lot 668



- 672** Groat, class A7/class B mule, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée on *obv.*, cross fourchée on *rev.*, small young bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet stops, double saltire after SCOTORVM, reversed D below v of VILL, 4.19g/11h (SCBI 35, –; Burns 15b, fig. 254A, same *obv.* die; S 5091/5097). *Good fine but weakly struck, an unpublished Aberdeen/Edinburgh die link, extremely rare* £200-£300

Part of the Cross Fourchy group, this coin reuses an old class A die with a late class B Cross Fourchy issue reverse. In all the published literature, this obverse die has always been stated to be used at Aberdeen only. However at some point it was returned to Edinburgh to be used in its now damaged state [note the oval die break between the mouth and sceptre-handle] with an Edinburgh reverse.



- 673** Sterling, class A5, Aberdeen, small young bust with sloping shoulder, crosslet stops, *rev.* VILL A+A BER DON, long cross, four large mullets of five points in angles, 1.09g/3h (SCBI 35, –; B 9, fig. 278, same *rev.* die; S 5121). *Very fine and rare* £800-£1,000
Provenance: Bt eBay March 2013

- 674** Groats (2), both class B, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, large young bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet and double crosslet stops, ornate AS both sides, 4.10g/6h, 3.03g/9h (cf. SCBI 35, 377, 382; cf. B 19, 28, fig. 279, 275; S 5095) [2]. *First good fine, second better but small of flan, both rare varieties* £200-£300
Provenance: First bt Spink July 1977; second DNW Auction 158, 24 April 2019, lot 641 (part)



- 675** Groat, class B2a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, second intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, reads DCI, crosslet under v of INBV, ornate AS both sides, 4.23g/6h (SCBI 35, –; B 23b, fig. 282B, same *obv.* die; S 5096). *Nearly very fine and very rare* £240-£300
Provenance: Bt Spink September 1987

This obverse die is also found coupled with reverses with a cross in the fourth quarter and a D in the fourth quarter (B. figs 282A and 280)



- 676** Groat, class B3a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, second intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, crosslet stops after DAVID and REX, double crosslet after DEI and SCOTORVM, nothing after GRA, reversed D under second L of VILL, ornate AS both sides, 3.94g/2h (SCBI 35, –; B 23, fig. 282, same *obv.* dies; S 5097). *Good fine, reverse a little better, very rare* £200-£260
Provenance: DNW Auction 136, 8-9 June 2016, lot 803 (part)



- 677** Groat, late class B, Edinburgh, mm. cross fourchée on both sides., second intermediate bust, tressure of six-and-a-half arcs, nothing in spandrels, saltire stops, mullet after SCOTORVM, small D under RGH, plain A both sides, 4.26g/7h (SCBI 35, 373, same *obv.* die; cf. B fig. 261 *rev.*; S 5097). *Better than fine but weak in centres, extremely rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt eBay September 2020

This coin belongs to an unpublished 'Cross-Fourchy' sub-group of David II coins (Groats, Halfgroats and Pennies) which seems to have been produced between the end of Class B and the beginning of Class C. Extensive research by the vendor, done over a number of years and based mainly on letter forms and fonts, places these coins with their forked initial crosses in the period c. 1364.

It is clear that Groups A and B and Groups C and D form two distinct and discreet groups, with no overlap in portrait, crown or letter punches. This corresponds with the change of mintmaster in Edinburgh, with James Mulekyn leaving and being replaced by Bonagius of Florence who probably left his post at the English mint at Durham in 1363.

During this changeover period, the Cross Fourchy coins seem to have been produced at a time when a person or persons unknown were overseeing coin production, apparently on fairly ad-hoc basis. Old dies were used or re-used, new dies were somewhat carelessly made from a large number of varied letter punches. Reverses so far identified include some early class A dies, 3 normal class B dies and 12 marked with the fourchy mint mark. These pair with Burns 1st Intermediate obverse dies 268 and 271a, B.271 being an example; four new Cross Fourchy obverse dies with varied portraits, three of these having a mullet after the legend leading Burns to include B261 in Class A; and the Burns 254a obverse, previously thought to only have been used at Aberdeen but now known to have been used in a somewhat dilapidated state at Edinburgh only during the Cross Fourchy series with a Cross Fourchy reverse die and an old, reused Class A reverse.

Some lettering from Class B is found on the Cross Fourchy dies, the T and O positioning this group after the final Class B dies, but other letter punches unique to this small series vary almost on a die-to-die basis.



- 678** Groat, late class B/class A mule, Edinburgh, mm. cross fourchée on *obv.*, cross potent on *rev.*, large bust, late variety, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, double saltire stops, mullet after SCOTORVM, plain A both sides, 4.13g/2h (SCBI 35, – B –, fig. –; S 5095/5091). *Fine, reverse better, extremely rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Spink July 1979



- 679** Sterling, class B4, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent on *obv.* only, larger young bust with smaller shoulder, crosslet after DAVID and REX, double crosslet after SCOTORVM, *rev.* VILL AED INBV RGH, long cross, four large mullets of five points in angles, small reversed D under AED, ornate AS both sides, 1.05g/6h (SCBI 35, 410, same dies; B 6, fig. –; S 5115). *Small mark on face, very fine or better, toned, rare* £200-£300

Provenance: R. Macpherson Collection, DNW Auction 83, 30 September 2009, lot 4000 [from Baldwin June 1987]; J. Sazama Collection, Part I, DNW Auction 93, 26 September 2011, lot 1308



- 680** Class C1, Groat, class C1, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, third intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs and a small segment, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, plain A both sides, 4.27g/7h (SCBI 35, 385, same *obv.* die; cf. B 26, fig. 288; S 5098). *About very fine, dark tone* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt M. Vosper December 2005

Classes A and B are very closely connected, as are Classes C and D. It is likely that the former were produced under James Mulekyn, while the latter were produced under Bonagius of Florence who arrived in Edinburgh from Edward III's mint at Durham c. 1364.



- 681** Groat, class C1, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, third intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, plain A both sides, 4.08g/12h (SCBI 35, -;B 24, fig. 286, same *obv.* die; S 5098). *Obverse fine and scratched, reverse better* £120-£150

Provenance: W.E. Triest Collection, CNG eAuction 429, 26 September 2018 (553)



- 682** Groat, class C1, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, third intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs and a small segment, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, single crosslet after SCOTORVM, plain A both sides, 4.28g/4h (SCBI 35, -;B 25, fig. 287, same *obv.* die; S 5098). *A little flat in parts of legend, otherwise better than very fine, dark tone* £300-£360

Provenance: Bt Seaby July 1978



- 683** Groat, class C2, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, third intermediate bust, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, including after SCOTORVM, small D under v of VILL, plain A both sides, 4.30g/4h (cf. SCBI 35, 386; B 27, fig. 289, same *obv.* die; S 5099). *About very fine and toned* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt Spink November 1987

The vendor points out that the first three obverse dies of what we call Class C all link with reverses that have a small D under v of VILL, obviously harking back to the earlier class B coins. Later dies have details that more closely link with the coins of D1. Chronologically therefore, Stewart's C2 should precede C1.



- 684** Groat, class D1, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, double crosslet stops, reads SEOTORVM, double crosslet at end of legend, ornate A on *obv.*, ornate A in outer legend, plain A in inner on *rev.*, 4.12g/9h (*cf.* SCBI 35, –; *cf.* B 32, fig. 291; S 5100). *A little peripheral weakness, good very fine, dark tone, rare* £300-£400

Provenance: DNW Auction 157, 21 February 2019, lot 460



- 685** Groat, class D2, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, pellet on sceptre-handle, double crosslet stops, reads SEOTORVM, nothing at end of legend, ornate A on *obv.*, ornate A in outer legend, plain A in inner on *rev.*, 4.08g/11h (SCBI 35, –; *cf.* B 34, fig. 296; S 5102). *Surfaces rough and cleaned, good fine, rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt L. Chaplin October 2006



- 686** Groat, class D3, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, nothing in spandrels, pellet behind crown, double crosslet stops, reads SEOTORVM, nothing at end of legend, pellet under VILL, ornate A on *obv.*, ornate A in outer legend, plain A in inner on *rev.*, 3.92g/6h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 387-9; *cf.* B 36, fig. 297; S 5101). *Small striking crack, good fine, toned, rare* £150-£200

Provenance: J. Davidson Collection, DNW Auction 59, 7 October 2003, lot 833 [from Baldwin 1936]

Third coinage



- 687** Groat, class 2a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs and a segment, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, no line below bust, cross over crescent after DNS, plain A both sides, 4.02g/9h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 419 and B 38, fig. 301 for similar *rev.*; S 5125). *Flan slightly irregular, very fine, the obverse variety rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Davissons Mailbid Sale 35, 3 February 2016 (109)



- 688** Groat, class 2a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, no line below bust, cross over crescent after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.91g/3h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 418ff and B 38, fig. 301; S 5125). *Very fine* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt Spink September 1978



- 689** Groat, class 2a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, line below bust, cross over wedge contraction mark after DNS, reads ILBATOR, plain A both sides, 3.66g/12h (cf. SCBI 35, 418ff and B 38, fig. 301; S 5125). *Very fine, the reverse legend varieties rare and unusual*

£200-£300

Provenance: Bt S.J. Blencoe November 2018



- 690** Groat, class 2b, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, single crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, no line below bust, two stars after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.66g/4h (cf. SCBI 35, 425-7 and B 43, fig. 306, for similar rev. dies; S 5125). *Surfaces marked, fine, both obverse and reverse varieties very rare*

£120-£150

Provenance: Bt M. Senior October 2005

The single crosslet stops appear on only a few obverse dies dating from very late in the reign.



- 691** Sterling, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée on *obv.* only, normal 'Robert II' head, star on sceptre handle, single crosslet stops, *rev.* VILL AED INBV RGH, long cross, four large mullets of five points in angles, plain A both sides, 0.84/6h (SCBI 35, 441, same dies [?]; B 13, fig. –; S 5145). *Very fine*

£200-£260

Provenance: Bt eBay September 2011

Robert II (1371-1390)



- 692** Groat, Phase 1a, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORM, reads ROBERTVS, crescent and crosslet after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.82g/12h (SCBI 35, 443, same *obv.* die; B 5, fig. 311; S 5131). *Better than fine, an early variety and very rare*

£120-£150

Provenance: Bt M. Vosper April 2008

This very early obverse die, here paired with a normal early reverse die, was also coupled with an excessively rare reverse with two crosslets after DNS.



- 693** Groat, Phase 1b, Perth, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORVM, crescent and crosslet after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.81g/2h (cf. SCBI 35, 449 for rev.; B 12, fig. 319, same obv. die; S 5136). *On an irregular but full-weight flan, nearly very fine, extremely rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt eBay November 2004

The vendor knows of only two specimens from this obverse die. He believes a second early die with a tressure of six arcs and a segment is rather easier to find.



- 694** Groat, Phase 1b/2 mule, Perth, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORVM, crescent and crosslet after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.73g/12h (SCBI 35, 460, same dies; B 10, fig. 317; S 5136). *Good fine or better* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt Ancient and Hammered Coins 2016



- 695** Groat, Phase 2, Perth, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, star on sceptre-handle, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORVM, barred A in GRA, crescent and crosslet after DNS, plain A both sides, 3.78g/7h (SCBI 35, 463; B 10, fig. 317; S 5136). *Reverse slightly off-centre, nearly very fine, dark tone* £150-£200

Provenance: CNG eAuction 377, 2016 (720)



- 696** Groat, Phase 3/2 mule, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, cross on sceptre-handle, nothing behind head, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORV, crescent and crosslet after DNS, reads PTECTOR ME, plain A both sides, 3.87g/9h (Richardson p.55, 3; SCBI 35, –; B – fig. –; S 5131 var.). *Very fine, dark tone, very rare* £200-£300

Struck from the same obverse die as the next lot but before the B was added behind the King's head.



- 697** Groat, Phase 3/2 mule, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, cross on sceptre-handle, *ɓ* behind head, line below bust, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORV, crescent and crosslet after DNS, plain *Λ* both sides, 4.00g/11h (SCBI 35, 458, same dies; B 8, fig. —, same *obv.* die; S 5132 var.). *On a full flan, very fine or better, the variety rare* £300-£400

Provenance: CNG eAuction 430, October 2018 (533); bt ABC Coins October 2018

Mrs Murray noted the existence of a coin struck from this obverse die before the addition of the small *ɓ* behind the King's head (NMS Collection). See comment by Mrs Murray, SCBI 35, 459 note and previous lot.



- 698** Groat, Phase 3, Dundee, mm. cross pattée, normal 'Robert II' head, large *ɓ* behind, tressure of six arcs, trefoils in spandrels, saltire on sceptre-handle, line below bust, double saltire stops, nothing after SCOTTORVM, double saltire after DNS, plain *Λ* both sides, 3.90g/3h (SCBI 35, 477, same dies; cf. B 6, fig. 327, same *obv.* die; S 5135). *Very fine, very rare* £1,200-£1,500

Provenance: Bt M.C.S. Rasmussen November 2018

The obverse die, the only one with a large letter *ɓ* behind the head, is known coupled with an Edinburgh reverse (B 6, fig. 327), a die link not noted in 'Scottish Mints'.



The following three Sterlings were struck from the same obverse die, in two different die states and at two different mints. The first has no privy mark behind the head and was struck at Perth. The second shows a trefoil added to the obverse while the third has the privy mark but paired with an Edinburgh reverse. The latter die-link is published in 'Scottish Mints', p.282 and pl. xvii, 36a and b.

- 699** Sterling, Perth, mm. cross potent, star on sceptre handle, nothing behind head, single crosslet stops, reads SCOTTOR', 0.95g/3h (cf. SCBI 35, 496, and B 4a, fig. 313A, same *obv.* die but before alteration; S 5150). *Small striking split and pinhole perforation at top, but better than very fine and on a full flan* £200-£300

Provenance: DNW Auction 57, 19 March 2003, lot 734

From the same obverse die as lot 700 coupled with a Perth reverse. Also from the same die as lot 701 [Edinburgh] Both these have the trefoil behind the head.



- 700** Sterling, Perth, mm. cross potent, star on sceptre handle, trefoil behind head, single crosslet stops, reads SCOTTOR', 0.97g/11h (SCBI 35, 496, same *obv.* die; B 4a, fig. 313A, same *obv.* die; ; S 5150). *Chipped, otherwise about very fine, rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt August 2005

From the same obverse die as lot 701 (Edinburgh reverse). Also from the same die as lot 699, before the addition of the trefoil behind the head.



- 701** Sterling, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent on *obv.* only, star on sceptre handle, trefoil behind head, single crosslet stops, reads SCOTTOR', 0.81g/12h (SCBI 35, 496, same *obv.* die; B 4a, fig. 313A, same dies; S 5145). *About very fine and toned but surfaces slightly porous, rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Dr J. Davidson Collection, Part I, DNW Auction 59, 7 October 2003, lot 842

From the same obverse die as lot 700, coupled with a Perth reverse. Also from the same die as lot 699, before the addition of the trefoil behind the head.



- 702** Sterling, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent on *obv.* only, no star on sceptre handle, single crosslet stops, reads ROBERTVS, *rev.* +VIL LAE DIN BVR, 0.88g/9h (SCBI 35, -; B 5, fig. -; S 5146). *Good fine, surfaces slightly porous, scarce* £120-£150

Provenance: Bt May 2019



- 703** Sterling, Perth, mm. cross potent, star on sceptre handle, single crosslet stops, bar-shaped contraction mark after SCOTTOR, *rev.* VILL ADE PER THX, 0.86g/9h (SCBI 35, -; cf. B 8, fig. 322; S 5150). *Obverse good fine, reverse fine, dark tone, scarce* £100-£120

Provenance: Bt M. Rasmussen August 2012

Robert III (1390-1406)

Heavy coinage, First issue



- 704** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, large trefoils on cusps, triple pellet stops, double saltire after SCOTORVM, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stop after DNS and P of PECTOR, inner legend without stops, RS replace BS in legend both sides, 2.58g/11h (SCBI 35, 533, same dies; cf. SCBI 72, 20; cf. B 3, fig. 340; S 5164A). *Very fine or better, rare thus* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt M. Vosper May 2013

This coin belongs to a group of eleven early intermediate obverse dies linking the single Type I obverse with the main coinage. Each of these dies shows alterations, changing from die to die until the layout matches the main coinage. This is the third die in the sequence, using the R punch for B, small letter v. double saltires after the legend and the bust with lank hair and rounded shoulders. The P in the outer reverse legend is from an oversize punch.



- 705** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, large trefoils on cusps, triple pellet stops, including after SCOTORVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stop after DNS and P, inner legend with double saltire stops, normal BS both sides, 2.64g/1h (SCBI 35, 537-8; SCBI 72, 28-30; cf. B 4, fig. 344; S 5164). *Nearly very fine* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt 2018



- 706** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, large trefoils on cusps, triple pellet stops, including after SCOTORVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stop after DNS, reads PTECTOR SM, inner legend without stops, RS replace BS in legend both sides, 2.63g/1h (SCBI 35, 537 and SCBI 72, 32, same dies; ; cf. B 4, fig. 344; S 5164). *Tiny striking crack, better than very fine, toned* £240-£300

Provenance: Dr J. Davidson Collection, Part II, DNW Auction 60, 9-10 December 2003, lot 376

This obverse die is from early in the main coinage. The vendor points out that coins with final stops in the obverse legend are much scarcer than those without; and wonders what significance, if any, this might have.



- 707** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, large trefoils on cusps, triple pellet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stop after DNS, inner legend with double saltire stops, normal BS both sides, 2.74g/11h (SCBI 35, 540, same obv. die; SCBI 72, 51; cf. B 5, fig. 348; S 5164). *Flat in places, about very fine* £150-£200

Provenance: Bt 2018



- 708** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée on rev. only, tressure of seven arcs, large trefoils on cusps, triple pellet stops, nothing after SCOTORVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stop after DNS, inner legend with double saltire stops, RS replace BS on obv., normal BS on rev, 2.74g/5h (SCBI 35, 542, same obv. die; SCBI 72, 75, same dies; ; cf. B 7b, fig. 349C; S 5164). *Good very fine, toned* £240-£300

Provenance: J.K.R. Murray Collection, Spink Auction 57, 29 April 1987, lot 159 (part); bt D. Cavanagh 1987



- 709** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on cusps, lis and crescent stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, lis and crescent stops after DNS, VILLA and RGH, 2.86g/3h (cf. SCBI 35, 552 same *rev.* die; SCBI 72, 90-2, same *obv.* die; B p.291, fig. 353A, same *obv.* die; S 5164A). *Very fine or better, the variety very rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt Edinburgh Coin Shop December 1980

At the beginning of the lis and crescent issue, there are a number of dies showing a large A. These mainly have a flat top-bar, broken on many dies, but this die has a large A with symmetrical droops, the only obverse die to show this. It can also be seen on this reverse die. Some coins around this time show what cataloguers have described as an 'elongated face'. The vendor notes that this is not due to the introduction of different punches but purely by positioning the crown (and sometimes the hair) slightly higher. It may be an idiosyncrasy peculiar to one particular die-sinker.



- 710** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on cusps, lis and crescent stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, lis and crescent stops after DNS, VILLA and RGH, 2.67g/6h (cf. SCBI 35, 553-9 for *rev.*; SCBI 72, 101, same *obv.* die; B 10, fig. 353; S 5164A). *Very fine or better, the variety rare* £200-£300

Provenance: BT D. Cavanagh June 1986



- 711** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on cusps, lis and crescent stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, lis and crescent stops after DNS, VILLA and RGH, R over S in PTECTOR, 2.92g/4h (cf. SCBI 35, 553-9 for *rev.*; SCBI 72, 107, same dies; B 10, fig. 353; S 5164A). *Slightly small of flan but full weight, very fine or better* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt Spink June 2000

The obverse of this coin is distinctive in that it has a rounded face unlike the normal bust for the series. The vendor knows of no other die which shows this face.



- 712** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of nine arcs, large trefoils on cusps, lis and crescent stops, M of SCOTORVM struck partly over initial mark, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, lis and crescent stops after DNS, VILLA and RGH, 2.73g/1h (cf. SCBI 35, 557 SCBI 72, 126-7, same *obv.* die; cf. B 13, fig. 355; S 5164A). *Very fine, a very rare variety* £200-£260

Provenance: A Distinguished Collection of Scottish Coins and Medals, Spink Auction 20, 31 March 1982, lot 129 (part)

Towards the end of the production-run of groats with lis and crescent stops, the tressure was altered from seven to nine arcs. The vendor notes that there were 37 examples of this general type in the 1880 Fortrose hoard.



- 713** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of nine arcs, large trefoils on cusps, large lis stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, large lis after DNS, VILLA and RGH, 2.78g/6h (SCBI 35, 560-61; SCBI 72, 133; B –, fig. –; S 5164A). *Better than very fine, toned, a very rare variety* £240-£300

Provenance: Fortrose (Ross and Cromarty) Hoard (1880); Sheriff Mackenzie Collection, Sotheby Auction, 21-2 February 1921, lot unspecified; H. A. Parsons Collection, Part II, Glendining Auction, 11-13 May 1954, lot 716 (part); Mrs Joan E.L. Murray Collection, Baldwin Auction 26, 9 May 2001, lot 1883; Spink Auction 166, 12 November 2003, lot 122; SNC February 2004 (SH0144); CNG Mailbid Sale 109, 12 September 2018 (1000)

Two obverse dies and five reverse dies with a large lis stop form the penultimate issue of the main coinage from Edinburgh. This obverse has a normal cross as the initial mark, while the other has a large lis. The reverse die has only been traced coupled with this obverse. Two of the reverse dies have been recorded backing Second coinage Perth dies also used at Edinburgh.



- 714** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of nine arcs, large trefoils on cusps, double saltire stops including after SCOTORVM, reads RX, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stops after DNS, MEVS, Z and VILLA, 2.63g/7h (SCBI 35, 562, SCBI 72, 135 and B 15, fig. 358, same dies; S 5164A). *Very fine and extremely rare* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt A. Gillis November 2014

This is one of only two dies of this type which seem to bring the First issue to a close. This die has a normal initial cross but reads RX, the other has the normal reading REX but no initial cross. Coins of this type are extremely rare. The vendor knows of three coins from this die, including this specimen, reading RX and only one reading REX (Part I, DNW 286, lot 113) that have come on to the market in the last 50 years.

Heavy coinage, Second issue



- 715** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on eight cusps, trefoil on breast, double pellet stops, reads SCOTORVME, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, triple pellet stops after DNS, P, MS, Z, VILLA, and RGH, 2.25g/1h (SCBI 35, –; SCBI 72, 169, same *obv.* die; B 39f, fig. 382C, same dies; S 5166). *Slightly small of flan, about very fine, the reverse very rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins February 2018



- 716** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on some cusps, nothing on breast, double pellet stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double saltire stops after DNS, MS, Z, VILLA and RGH, 2.54g/11h (SCBI 35, 565-6, SCBI 72, 170 and B 37, fig. 381, same dies; S 5166). *Small striking split at 6 o'clock, very fine* £200-£300

Provenance: Sheriff T. Mackenzie Collection, Sotheby Auction, 21-2 February 1921, lot unspecified; Dr J. Davidson Collection, Part II, DNW Auction 60, 9-10 December 2003, lot 384

Groats of this sort from Edinburgh are generally referred to as Second issue/First issue mules, since the reverse die was produced using the same fount of letter-punches as the final variety of the First coinage. Of that, two obverses and four Edinburgh reverses are recorded. three of the reverses recorded with Second Coinage obverses. The weight and die axis of this coin do not correspond with those given in the DNW 60 catalogue but the cataloguer notes that the following lot DNW 60, 385 has the same weight and die axis as lot 384. It would appear to be a copy-and-paste error in the cataloguing.



- 717** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of nine arcs, trefoils on all cusps, including on breast, saltire and pellet stops, reads SCOTTRVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, triple pellet stops after DNS, P, MS, Z and VILLA, 2.82g/10h (SCBI 35, 568 and SCBI 72, 173, same *obv.* die; B 39, fig 373, same dies; S 5166). *Full, round, about very fine, a rare die pairing* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins February 2018

The vendor notes that out of 51 specimens with muled stops in the Fortrose hoard, only two had reverses with three-pellet stops throughout the legend.



- 718** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on some cusps, nothing on breast, annulets in spandrels, double annulet stops after ROBERTVS, DEI and REX, reads SCOTTRVM, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, single annulet stops after DNS, and P, double after MS and Z, three annulets placed horizontally after ED, 2.68g/2h (SCBI 35, -; SCBI 72, 199, same *obv.* die: cf. B 40, fig 391 for *obv.*; S 5167). *About very fine, the most unusual reverse die unpublished, extremely rare* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt Soink February 1982

Part of a relatively small group of Groats with annulets in the spandrels. Those struck at Edinburgh also have double annulet as stops while Perth coins have double crosslets [see lot 725]. Unlike the single Perth die, there were at least three obverse dies in use at Edinburgh. One of these produced almost all the extant examples, the other two seem to have had very little use. This die is one of the latter. Around this time, die production quality began to slip with misspellings creeping in and striking becoming careless.



- 719** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of eight arcs, trefoils on cusps, nothing on breast, saltire and pellet stops, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, saltire and pellet stops after DNS, P, MS, Z, VILLA and DE, bar on limb of cross between R and T of PERTH, 2.75g/9h (cf. SCBI 35, 580; cf. SCBI 72, 219ff; B 20a, fig. 363A, same *obv.* die; S 5170). *Good very fine and a combination of two extremely rare dies* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins February 2018

The bar across the limb of the reverse cross appears to be quite deliberate (not a die break or flaw). It is extremely unusual and its significance, if any, is not known.



- 720** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of ten arcs, trefoils on six cusps, seventh on breast, saltire and pellet stops, rev. three pellets in quarters of cross, saltire and pellet stops after DNS, P, MS, Z and VILLA, 2.33g/3h (SCBI 35, 582-3, SCBI 72, 225, same dies; B 24, fig. 366, same *obv.* die; S 5170). *About very fine, toned* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt S.J. Blencoe July 2016



- 721** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of eight arcs (one very indistinct below bust), trefoils on some cusps, nothing on breast, trefoil stops, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, saltire and pellet stops after DNS, P, MS, VILLA and DE, 2.70g/12h (SCBI 35, 574 same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 231-2 and B 17, fig. 361, same dies; S 5170). *Obverse about very fine and slightly double struck, reverse good very fine, toned* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt Mayfair Coin Co July 1979

Although referred to as the 'Second issue', these early Perth Groats were probably struck concurrently with the Edinburgh three-pellet series; the two mints operating quite separately at the time. The Perth coinage had a somewhat experimental look at this period, with details changing from die to die. This is the only known obverse with trefoil stops.

- 722** Groats (2), both Perth, mm. cross pattée, tressure with trefoils on cusps, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, saltire and pellet stops both sides, minor variations, 2.64g/1h, 2.50g/4h (SCBI 35, –, SCBI 72, 232ff, B 35c, –, figs. 370D, –; S 5170) [2]. *Fine and a little small of flan, second with small edge chip, both rare varieties* £150-£200

Provenance: First bt D. Cavanagh July 2000; second bt A. Howitt September 2011



- 723** Heavy coinage, Second issue, Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on cusps, trefoil on breast, double crosslet stops, nothing after SCOTTORVM, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, no punctuation in outer circle, uncertain in inner, 2.86g/5h (SCBI 35, 584, same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 238-40; B 25, fig. 374, same *obv.* die; S 5170). *About very fine, the reverse extremely rare, traces of overstriking on both sides* £200-£300

Provenance: ABC Coins February 2018

This coin is struck on a cut-down Robert II Groat of Edinburgh, the large letters showing through from the undertype. While this die, from the late Second coinage, is known, the reverse is most unusual. The lettering is from the fount used for the final Edinburgh issue in the First coinage, with double saltire stops (see lot 714), distinctly different from the lettering used on all the normal Perth coins. This fount was also used on a few Edinburgh Second coinage reverses used with early Second coinage obverse dies, which are generally considered to be Second/First coinage mules. The vendor knows of only one other Perth reverse die from this part of the coinage which is also from this letter fount. It is in the British Museum Collection but unpublished in numismatic literature.



- 724** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on four cusps, trefoil (indistinct) on breast, reads SCOTTORVM, double crosslet stops *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double crosslet stops after DNS, P, MS, Z, VILLA and DE, crosslet before T of PERTH, 2.74g/8h (SCBI 35, 585, same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 245, same dies; B –, fig. 376A; S 5170). *Centres smoothed, good fine but double struck on reverse, rare* £100-£150

Provenance: DNW Auction 144, 21 February 2018, lot 294



- 725** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of seven arcs, trefoils on four cusps and on breast, annulets in spandrels, double crosslet stops, reads *ROBETVS*, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double crosslet stops after *DNS*, *P*, *MS*, *Z*, *VILLA* and between *D* and *E*, of *DE*, 2.82g/10h (SCBI 35, 587, same dies; SCBI 72, —; B 27, fig. 390, same dies; S 5171). *On a full flan, about very fine, extremely rare* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins March 2019

While the annulet-in-spandrels Edinburgh coins from this 'long-faced' punch rare scarce, the Perth equivalent are extremely rare.



- 726** Groat, Perth, mm. cross potent, tressure of six arcs, trefoils on cusps, nothing in spandrels, trefoil on breast, punctuation unclear, *lis* and double saltires after *SCOTTORVM*, *rev.* three pellets in quarters of cross, double crosslet stops after *DNS*, *Z* [sic], *TCTOR*, *MS* and *PERTH*, 2.71g/3h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 592-3; *cf.* SCBI 72, 258-9; *cf.* B 32c, fig. 398F; S 5170). *Good fine, obverse double struck, very rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt York Coins November 2011

The vendor notes that this coin dates from very late in the Robert III series. Although there is a good selection of this type in Burns (presumably mainly from the then-recent Fortrose Hoard), specimens are exceptionally difficult to find on the market today.

James I (1406-1437)

First Fleur-de-lis issue



- 727** Groat, Edinburgh, type IIa/IIc, mm. cross pattée, tressure of seven arcs, saltires on shoulders, *l* to right of neck, reads *TRACIA*, *rev.* *lis* in first quarter, *lis* between saltires in third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre, *lis* stops with saltire interpunctuation both sides, 2.06g/3h (SCBI 35, 640, same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 367, same dies; B 3, fig. 430, same *obv.* die; S 5195). *Good fine, reverse a little better, very rare* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt A.D. Hamilton October 1985



- 728** Groat, Edinburgh, type IIc, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, saltires on shoulders, saltire and *l* on each side of neck, reads *GRACIA*, *rev.* *lis* and saltire in first quarter, *lis* between saltires in third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre, *lis* stops with saltire interpunctuation both sides, 1.70g/2h (SCBI 35, —; SCBI 72, 368-9; B —, *cf.* figs. 431/432A for similar lettering; S 5195). *Slightly small of flan. good fine, portrait better for issue, very rare* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt A. Howitt January 2015



- 729** Groat, Edinburgh, type III, first variety, mm. cross pattée, tressure of seven arcs, saltire on each shoulder and to right of crown, 1 on each side of neck and on sceptre handle, reads TRA, three lis and two saltires at end of legend, *rev.* lis in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, lis stops on *obv.* lis and saltires on *rev.*, chainwork inner and outer circles both sides, 2.03g/11h (SCBI 35 –; cf. SCBI 72, 399; B 11, fig. 439, same *obv.* die; S 5197). *Obverse nearly very fine but slightly off centre, reverse fine or better, extremely rare* £600-£800

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh March 1985



- 730** Groat, Edinburgh, type III, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, lis on neck, tiny saltires on breast, large lis to left of bust. 1 to right and on sceptre handle, saltire to right of crown and left of sceptre, reads ICOBVS and TRACIA, *rev.* lis with pellet in first, lis with pellet and saltire in third quarter, three pellets with small central pellet in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, lis stops both sides, 2.08g/2h (cf. SCBI 35, 651; cf. SCBI 72, 419; cf. B. fig. 453; S 5195). *Good fine, scarce* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh May 1982



- 731** Groat, Edinburgh, type III, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, lis on neck, crosses on each shoulder, saltire to left of bust, 1 to right and on sceptre handle. reads IACOBVS and TRACIA, *rev.* lis with pellet in first quarter, lis with saltire in third, three pellets with small central pellet in second and fourth quarters, quarter, centre of cross unclear, lis stops both sides, 2.37g/5h (SCBI 35, –; SCBI 72, 479; B 22, fig. 460, same *obv.* die; S 5195). *Striking split at 2 o'clock and surfaces lightly scratched, otherwise good fine, an extremely rare variety* £240-£300

Provenance: Dr J. Davidson Collection, Part II, DNW Auction 60, 9-10 December 2003, lot 398; DNW Auction 78, 19 June 2008, lot 526

Three crown punches were in use throughout the issue of type III (Burns style III). Crown 1 was used for most of the issue. Crown 2 was used on only one die with the sceptre to the king's left and has not been traced on any other die. Crown 3 occurs on four dies produced at the end of the issue (including this one). Although infrequently used the central lis of this crown quickly broke, as can be seen on this coin. This crown could have been composite. The vendor has not traced any other example of this obverse die except for the Burns coin.



- 732** Groat, Linlithgow, type III, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, lis on neck, tiny saltires on breast, lis to left of neck, 1 to right and on sceptre handle, reads IACOBVS and TRACIA, legend ends SCO, rev. lis in first quarter, lis and pellet in third, three pellets with small central pellet in second and fourth quarters, small lis (indistinct) in centre of cross, reads BE for DE, lis stops both sides, 2.18g/5h (SCBI 35, 658, same dies; SCBI 72, 490, same dies; B 28, fig. 464, same dies; S 5199). *Nearly very fine for issue and very rare* £700-£900

Provenance: Bt A.D. Hamilton June 2014

Second Fleur-de-lis issue



- 733** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of seven arcs with fleurs on cusps, 1 at base of sceptre, lis on neck, saltire on each shoulder, reads IACOBVS and TRACIA, legend ends SCOT, rev. lis in first quarter, lis and saltire in third, three pellets with small central pellet in second and fourth quarters, small lis (indistinct) in centre of cross, reads ECINBVRGH, lis and saltire stops on *obv.*, lis on *rev.*, 2.16g/9h (SCBI 35, 670, same *obv.* die [with Linlithgow *rev.*]; SCBI 72, 515, same dies; B 34-5, fig. 475, same *obv.* die; S 5200). *Edge chip, otherwise good fine, portrait better* £300-£400

Provenance: Patrick Finn FPL 2, September 1994 (370); bt S.J. Blencoe July 2019



- 734** Groat, Perth, mm. cross pattée, tressure of seven arcs, pellet(s) on cusps, lis on breast, crescent on each shoulder, 1 on sceptre handle, rev. lis in first quarter, lis with saltire and crescent in third, three pellets with small central pellet in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, crescent stops on *obv.*, none in outer legend on *rev.*, crescents in inner, reads VILLA DE PEPRTH., 1.80g/6h (SCBI 35 491 same *obv.* die [with Stirling *rev.*]; SCBI 72, 532; B 48b, fig. 490b, same dies; S 5201). *Dished, fine or better but edge hammered up and chipped in places, extremely rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt M.R. Vosper November 2010

James II (1437-1460)

First coinage, Third Fleur-de-lis issue



- 735** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, reads IACOBVS and GRACIA, legend ends SCOTOR, no additional marks, *rev.* lis in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, all with lines added around, small lis before VII, three pellets after DNS, nothing in centre of cross, crescent stops on *obv.*, 2.19g/1h (SCBI 35, –; SCBI 72 –; B 3, fig. 496, same *obv.* die; S 5225). *Better than fine for issue, extremely rare, especially with this reverse die* £400-£600

Provenance: Bt Dolphin Coins February 2002



- 736** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, reads IACOBVS and GRACIA, legend ends SCOTOR, no additional marks, *rev.* lis in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, nothing before VII, nothing in centre of cross, double annulet stops both sides, 2.25g/1h (SCBI 35, –; SCBI 72 576 and B 8, fig. 504, same *obv.* die; S 5225). *Small edge split, nearly very fine and rare* £400-£600

Provenance: Bt D.L. Cavanagh May 1982



- 737** Groat, Third Fleur-de-lis issue, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, reads IACOBVS and GRACIA, legend ends SCOT, annulet on breast, *rev.* lis in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, double annulet stops both sides, 1.94g/2h (SCBI 35, 680; SCBI 72, 601; B 8, fig. 504; S 5225). *About fine, the variety very rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins 2017

Second coinage, Second issue



- 738** Groat, type I/II mule, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of nine arcs, trefoils on some cusps, nothing in spandrels, no additional marks, reads IACOBVS and GRA, legend ends SCOTOR', rev. crown in first and third, three pellets and annulet in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, small rosette stops on *obv.*, none on *rev.*, 3.44g/2h (SCBI 35, 703, SCBI 72, 645-7 and B 11, fig. 524, same *obv.* die; S 5233). *Very fine but obverse scored, extremely rare* £600-£800

Provenance: Mrs Joan E.L. Murray Collection, Baldwin Auction 26, 9 May 2001, lot 1915; bt Spink August 2001

No example in Richardson or Lockett; there are however four specimens in the NMS Collection. The vendor states 'This is the only example from this obverse die that I have seen for sale in the last fifty years'.



- 739** Groat, type IIa, Edinburgh, mm. crown, tressure of nine arcs, fleurs on some cusps, nothing in spandrels, small lis to right of crown, reads IACOBVS and GRACIA, legend ends SCOTORVM, rev. crown in first and third, three pellets and annulet second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, occasional double saltire stops both sides, 3.57g/4h (SCBI 35, 701, same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 675; B 17, fig. 532, same *obv.* die; S 5233). *Nearly very fine, dark tone* £400-£600

Provenance: Bt Spink December 1986



- 740** Groat, type IIIa, Edinburgh, mm. crown, tressure of nine arcs, small fleurs on cusps except above crown, nothing in spandrels, saltires by neck, reads IACOBVS and GRA EX, legend ends SCOTTORVM, double annulet final, rev. three pellets and tiny saltire in first and third, crown in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, annulet and double annulet stops on *obv.*, double saltire on *rev.*, 3.31g/2h (SCBI 35, 706 and SCBI 72, 698, same *obv.* die; B 24b, fig. —; S 5236). *Very fine, toned, rare thus* £600-£800,

Provenance: Bt A.D. Hamilton March 1975

The stops on the obverse are often referred to as 'squashed annulets'. This is the only die in the coinage to use such stops; Burns noting that he had never seen another such die.



- 741** Groat, type IIIb, Edinburgh, mm. crown, tressure of nine arcs, small fleurs on cusps except above crown, nothing in spandrels, saltires by neck, small lis to right of crown and another above, reads IACOBVS and GRA, legend ends SCOTTORVM, double saltire final, rev. three pellets in first and third, crown in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, mostly single saltire stops both sides, 3.56g/10h (SCBI 35, 709, same *obv.* die, cf. SCBI 72, 713; B -, fig. -; S 5236). *Obverse fine, reverse better, the variety very rare* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins October 2006



- 742** Groat, type IIIb, Edinburgh, mm. crown, tressure of nine arcs, small trefoils on cusps except above crown, nothing in spandrels, trefoils by neck, reads IACOBVS and GRA, legend ends SCOTTORVM (double saltire between T and O), rev. three pellets and saltire in first and third, crown in second and fourth quarters, nothing in centre of cross, unusual pelleted B in BVRG, double saltire stops both sides, 3.63g/9h (SCBI 35, 714, SCBI 72, 718 and B 36, fig. 550, same *obv.* die; S 5237). *About very fine, reverse a little better, the variety very rare* £600-£800

Provenance: Davissons Mailbid Sale 35, 3 February 2016 (281)

This is the only die in the coinage to show trefoils at the neck.

James III (1460-1488)

Light issue, 1467



- 743** Groat, Berwick, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, trefoils on some cusps, T to left and L to right of neck, reads D GRA, legend ends SCOTOR, rev. three pellets and annulet in first and third, mullet of six points in second and fourth quarters, cross pattée before VIL, double saltire stops both sides, 2.58g/3h (SCBI 35, 746-7, same dies; SCBI 72, 771, same dies; B 5a, fig. -; S 5266, *this coin*). *Full, round, about very fine, a very rare and sought-after type with a fine provenance* £1,500-£2,000

Provenance: Stack's Auction, 3 December 1997, lot 1515; Patrick Finn FPL 15, January 1999 (384); L. La Rivière Collection, Spink Auction 178, 22 February 2006, lot 63; A.M. Fitts Collection, CNG Triton Auction XV (New York), 4 January 2012, lot 1942; CNG Mailbid Sale 103, 14 September 2016 (1222)

Base silver issue, 1471-83



- 744 Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tressure of eight arcs, *rev.* thistle-head in first and third, six-pointed mullet in second and fourth quarters, double saltire stops both sides, 2.12g/11h (SCBI 35, 749ff; cf. B 7, fig. 578; S 5270). *Portrait double-struck and partly flat, otherwise good fine, reverse a little better* £300-400

Provenance: DNW Auction 132, 15 September 2015, lot 218

Light issue, 1475



- 745 Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross pattée, tall crown of five fleurs, tressure of ten arcs, trefoils on some cusps, legend ends SCOTORVM, *rev.* mullet of six points in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, cross before VII, double saltire stops both sides, 2.43g/7h (SCBI 35, 744-5, same dies; SCBI 72, 830-3; B 15, fig. 588, same *obv.* die; S 5273). *Edge chip and crack between 11 and 1 o'clock, otherwise better than very fine, toned, rare* £600-£800

Provenance: Bt Spink July 1978

The obverse die, fairly heavily used at Edinburgh, was also used briefly at Berwick.



- 746 Groat, Berwick, mm. cross pattée, tall crown of five fleurs, tressure of ten arcs, trefoils on some cusps, legend ends SCOTORM, *rev.* mullet of six points in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, cross before VII, double saltire stops both sides, 2.27g/4h (SCBI 35, –; cf. SCBI 72, 840; B 15a, fig. 588A, same dies; S 5276). *Good fine, toned, very rare* £1,200-£1,500

Provenance: R. Macpherson Collection, DNW Auction 83, 30 September 2009, lot 4041 [from Baldwin March 1989]

The use of this Edinburgh die at Berwick was very limited, extant examples being extremely rare. It has been suggested that it was taken to Berwick at the setting up of the mint to begin the coinage while the Berwick-only obverse die was in preparation.

Light issue, 1482



- 747 Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury, tressure of seven arcs, small trefoils on cusps, crown with five spikes, legend ends SCOTORM, *rev.* , mullet of five points in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, reads EDENBEOVRGE, 2.35g/9h (Murray dies 1/c, SCBI 35, 764 and B 21, fig. 604, same *obv.* die; SCBI 72, 845ff; S 5280A). *About very fine* £300-£360

Provenance: Bt Spink March 2001



- 748** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury, tressure of seven arcs, small trefoils on cusps, crown with five spikes, legend ends SCOTORM, rev. mullet of five points in first and third, three pellets in second and fourth quarters, reads EDENBEOVRGE, 2.33g/12h (Murray dies 2/e, SCBI 35, 766, same dies; SCBI 72, 845ff; B 24, fig. 606, same obv. die; S 5280A). *About very fine* £300-£400

Provenance: Patrick Finn FPL 5, September 1995; DNW Auction 133, 12 November 2015, lot 115



- 749** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury, tressure of seven arcs, small trefoils on cusps, crown with five spikes, legend ends SCOTORM, rev. three pellets in first and third, mullet of five points in second and fourth quarters, reads EDENBEOVRGE, 1.93g/2h (Murray dies 3/c, SCBI 35, 765, same obv. die, 764, same rev. die; SCBI 72, 845ff; B 25, fig. —, same obv. die; S 5280). *Nearly very fine* £300-£360

Provenance: J.N.G. Wallworth Collection, Glendining Auction, 17 December 1942, lot 10 (part); J. Davidson Collection, Part II, DNW Auction 60, 9-10 December 2003, lot 345; bt L. Bennett July 2006

Heavy issue, 1484-8



- 750** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury on rev. only, annulet on inner circle behind head, legend ends SCOT, rev. crown in first and third, three pellets and annulet in second and fourth quarters, reads EDINBRVG, 2.82g/1h (SCBI 35, —, SCBI 72, 897-8; B 34, fig. 638, same obv. die; S 5289). *Better than fine but weak in centres* £240-£300

Provenance: Bt Spink June 2001



- 751** Groat, Edinburgh, mm. cross fleury on rev. only, annulet on inner circle before bust, legend reads GBATIA BEX, ends COTR, rev. three pellets and annulet in first and third, crown in second and fourth quarters, reads EDINBRVG, 2.60g/4h (SCBI 35, 784-5, same obv. die, 782-3, same rev. die; SCBI 72, 908ff; B 48, fig. 643-4, same obv. die; S 5288). *Good fine or better but slightly small of flan and chipped* £240-£300

Provenance: Mrs Joan E.L. Murray Collection, Baldwin Auction 26, 9 May 2001, lot 1950; bt Baldwin August 2001

James V (1513-1542)

Second coinage



- 752** Groat, Holyrood Abbey mint, type Ib, bust right with wide-collared mantle and double-arched crown, nine jewels to band, numeral 5 omitted, contraction mark above v of SCOTORV, rev. shield with angled and pointed base, cross-ends A, reads EDINBRVGH [saltire], double annulet stops both sides, 11h (cf. SCBI 35, 912; SCBI 58, 48; SCBI 71, 355; B 22, fig. 723; S 5376). *Slight dig behind head, otherwise about very fine, the variety very rare [slabbed NGC VF 35]* £1,000-£1,200

Provenance: Heritage Auction, 5-9 September 2019, lot 32195



- 753** Groat, Holyrood Abbey mint, type IIa (ii), bust right with wide-collared mantle and single-arched crown, twelve jewels to band, annulet above v of SCOTORV, rev. shield with angled and pointed base, cross-ends B, reads EDINBRGI, double annulet stops both sides, 2.68g/2h (SCBI 35, 914; cf. SCBI 58, 56; SCBI 71, 359; cf. B 19, fig. 720; S 5377). *Light surface marks, very fine, the variety very rare* £800-£1,000

Provenance: Bt Spink February 1986

This must have been a short-lived issue. It seems to be scarcer than type I and much rarer than type III. This issue was struck with a silver content of 10 deniers fine, rather than the usual 11.



- 754** Groat, Holyrood Abbey mint, type IIIb (i), bust right with mantle and corded chain, single-arched crown, eight jewels to band, strawberry-leaf decorations, no numeral after IACOBVS, rev. shield with rounded base, cross-ends C, pelleted v in OPPIDV, no contraction after R of EDINBRGI, trefoil stops both sides, 2.72g/9h (SCBI 35, 931, same obv. die; SCBI 58, 60; SCBI 71, 373; B 10, fig. 713, same obv. die; S 5378). *Very fine, the variety without numeral very rare* £500-£600

Provenance: Noble Numismatics Pty Auction 111A (Sydney), 5-8 April 2016, lot 1708



- 755** Groat, Holyrood Abbey mint, type IIIc (iii), bust right with mantle and smooth chain, single-arched crown, seven jewels to band, strawberry-leaf decorations, 'squarer' hair style, letter A with bar at upper left, *rev.* shield with rounded base, cross-ends E, pelleted V in OPPIDV, no contraction after R of EDINBVRGI, trefoil stops both sides, 2.58g/8h (SCBI 35, –; SCBI 58, –; SCBI 71, 393; B –, fig. –; S 5378). *Good fine, the variety very rare* £300-£400

Provenance: DNW Auction 163, 18-19 September 2019, lot 1754
The vendor notes three obverse dies with this distinctive barred A.



- 756** Groat, Holyrood Abbey mint, type IIIc (iv), bust right with mantle and smooth chain, single-arched crown, seven jewels to band, strawberry-leaf decorations, 'squarer' hair style, *rev.* shield with rounded base, cross-ends E, no contraction after R of EDINBVRGI, trefoil stops both sides, 2.77g/12h (SCBI 35, 915-6, same *obv.* die; SCBI 58, 99; SCBI 71, 407; B –, fig. –; S 5378). *Nearly very fine, rare* £400-£500

Provenance: Bt Seaby February 1982

The vendor records this obverse die being extensively used with no less than 14 different reverses.

Mary (1542-1567)

First period



- 757** Testoon, type IIIb, 1558, mm. crown on *rev.* only, wide low-arched crown, no annulets below M R, reads MARIA · DEI · G · SCOTOR · REGINA ·, *rev.* large cross potent with large crosses in angles, reads VERTVTE, 5.99g/10h (*cf.* SCBI 35, 1015ff; SCBI 58, 347 *obv.*/345 *rev.*, same dies; B fig. 798, same *obv.* die; S 5406). *Traces of mounting (?) and edge hammered up, otherwise very fine, bright from past cleaning* £300-£400

Provenance: North Yorkshire Moors Collection, Part III, DNW Auction 168, 29 January 2020, lot 1020 [from Coin Galleries 1970]

The vendor notes that this reverse die has a small rectangular privy mark before the 8 of the date. Another has a lozenge in the same place, while a third has a rectangle before one of the 5s.

Second period (with Francis)



- 758** Testoon, type II, 1560, mm. cross potent, *obv.* legend ends B, *rev.* crosses above large crowns each side of monogram, 6.07g/4h (SCBI 35, 1088-90; SCBI 58, 1010; SCBI 71, 940; B 8, fig. 881; S 5418). *Better than very fine, toned, rare* £600-£800

A contraction mark through the R of SCOTOR is very unusual on this legend variety [B final]. There is only one example in the National Museum of Scotland Collection.

James VI (1567-1625)

Before Accession



- 759** Sixth coinage, Balance Half-Merk, 1591, mm. cinquefoil, crowned shield between thistle-heads, *rev.* sword and balance, disjointed ns in legend, 4.52g/9h (SCBI 35, 1247-8; SCBI 58, 1492ff; B 2, fig. 937; S 5491). *Neatly struck on a full flan, very fine or better, toned, an attractive specimen* £500-£700

Provenance: Bt Spink September 1987

This issue from the early 1590s is in remarkable contrast to the coinage of neighbouring England. When a coinage was not of international commercial importance, there could be less emphasis on continuity and more on experimentation. Unlike Elizabeth I, the king of Scots had scope to introduce an element of propaganda to his coinage as illustrated in this unusual religious and political statement, 'His differt rege tyrannus' - 'In these things a king differs from a tyrant', emphasising the justness of his rule - the scales replacing the sword to administer law and not inspire fear. Baptised a Catholic but raised and educated mainly by Protestant tutors, James was well aware of the religious divisions in 16th century society and walked a fine line between the two factions within his kingdom. He is also making a political point - contrasting the relative enlightenment and security of Scotland with the despotism of Catholic Spain and the contemporary turmoil in France and the Low Countries.

After Accession



- 760** Ninth coinage, Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle-head, reads *FRAN ET HIB REX*, *rev.* Scottish lion in second quarter only, 5.65g/10h (SCBI 35, 1364; SCBI 71, 1385ff; B 2, fig. 974; S 5505). *Fine, reverse better but smoothing and light graffiti scratch on portrait, very rare* £120-£150

Provenance: Bt ABC Coins July 2013



- 761** Tenth coinage, Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle-head, reads *FRAN & HIB REX*, *rev.* Scottish lion in first and fourth quarters, 5.69g/3h (SCBI 35, 1376; SCBI 71, 1419ff; B 15, fig. 985; S 5506). *On a full round flan, nearly very fine but a little weak on portrait, rare* £300-£360

Provenance: H.M. Lingford Collection, Glendining Auction, 20 June 1951, lot 1189 (part); a Distinguished Collection of Scottish Coins and Medals, Spink Auction 20, 31 March 1982, lot 250 (part);



- 762** Tenth coinage, Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle-head, reads *FRAN & HIB REX*, *rev.* Scottish lion in first and fourth quarters, larger lettering both sides, 5.71g/4h (SCBI 35, 1375; SCBI 71, 1419ff; B 15, fig. 985; S 5506). *Fine, reverse better, the die combination extremely rare* £150-£200

Provenance: Patrick Finn FPL 16, May 1999; bt July 2000



- 763** Tenth coinage, Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle-head, reads FRAN & HIB REX, rev. Scottish lion in first and fourth quarters, larger lettering both sides, 5.83g/2h (SCBI 35, 1375; SCBI 71, 1419ff; B 15, fig. 985; S 5506). *Good fine, rare* £150-£200

Provenance: CNG eAuction 429, 26 September 2018 (628)

Charles I (1625-1649)

First coinage



- 764** Twelve Shillings, mm. large thistle-head, reads FRAN & HIB REX, rev. Scottish lion in first and fourth quarters, small lettering on both sides, 5.84g/11h (Murray pl. iii, 18; SCBI 35, 1413-4, same *obv.* die; B 3, fig. 998, same *obv.* die; S 5542). *Very fine or better, toned* £300-£400



- 765** Twelve Shillings, mm. large thistle-head on *obv.*, small on *rev.*, reads FRAN & HIB REX, rev. Scottish lion in first and fourth quarters, small lettering on *obv.*, large on *rev.*, 5.88g/9h (Murray pl. iii, 18; SCBI 35, 1413-4; B 3, fig. 998; S 5542). *Nearly very fine but weak in centres, especially on the portrait, toned* £200-£300

Second coinage



- 766** Second coinage (Briot's Hammered issue), Half-Merk, no mm., 3.22g/3h (Murray pl. iv, 29; SCBI 35, 1420-1; B 1, fig. 1001; S 5546). *Some old crease or clash-marks, otherwise about very fine, reverse better, attractively toned* £300-£400

Provenance: DNW Auction 143, 12 December 2017, lot 1382

Third coinage, Falconer's First issue



- 767 Twelve Shillings, signed F over crown, 5.77g/9h (Murray p.138, pl. iii, 21, same dies; SCBI 35, 1460-5, same dies; B 24, fig. 1017, same dies; S 5560). *Tiny edge split at 2 o'clock, light adjustment marks in places, otherwise good very fine with an attractive portrait* £400-£500

Provenance: Bt Baldwin March 1999

It seems likely that this issue resulted from the contract drawn up between the Commissioners of the Committee at Edinburgh (the Covenanters) and John Falconer, by now sole Master of the Mint since the return of Briot to England in 1638.

Third coinage, Falconer's Second issue



- 768 Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle on *obv.* only, F at end of legend, nothing above crown, small lettering, 5.97g/6h (Murray 7, dies a/a; SCBI 35, 1508; cf. B 42, fig. 1020; S 5561). *Good very fine but obverse struck from a rusty die, the variety very rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Bt Spink February 1982

The stops beneath C R at the sides of the shield are small triangles, unique to this one reverse die. The inner circles appear linear but, on close inspection, can be seen to be made up of tiny, closely-spaced beads. This detail is only visible on a high grade coin like the present specimen.



- 769 Twelve Shillings, mm. leaved thistle, colon stops on *obv.*, reads MAGN BRITAN FRAN ET HIB, F and pellet above crown, large harp, 5.95g/6h (Murray 5; cf. SCBI 35, 1509-11; cf. B 43, fig. 1020; S 5562). *Good very fine or better with an excellent portrait* £300-£400

Provenance: Bt Spink February 1982

Most of the legend lettering on this variety is large.



- 770 Third coinage, Falconer's second issue, Twelve Shillings, mm. leaved thistle, bust within inner circle, F and pellet over crown, reads MAGN BRITAN FRAN, pellets below C R on *rev.*, reads DEVS : SEPARET :, 5.88g/6h (Murray p.141, no.4; cf. SCBI 35, 1509; cf. B fig. 1020; S 5563). *Good fine, portrait better* £200-£300

Provenance: Spink Auction 14, 19 March 1981, lot 507; North Yorkshire Moors Collection (Part III), DNW Auction 168, 29 January 2020, lot 1034

Third coinage, Falconer's Anonymous issue



- 771** Twelve Shillings, mm. thistle-head, small letters, 5.62g/6h (Murray type 3; SCBI 35, 1520-1, same dies; B –; S 5564). *Fine or better* £100-£150

Provenance: Bt Edinburgh Coin Shop April 1981

Towards the end of this Twelve-Shilling coinage, production standards began to slip - flans were oval rather than perfectly round, while dies, although seldom damaged, were often used until they were considerably worn.

Charles II (1649-1685)

First coinage



- 772** Merk, 1668, type II, leaved thistle below bust, reads DEI · GRA ·, 6.01g/12h (D 19; M 15; SCBI 35 1575; B 3, fig –; S 5611; KM. 102.1). *Nearly very fine and rare* £200-£300

Provenance: Baldwin of St James's Auction 29, 19 March 2019, lot 1393



- 773** Merk, 1672, leaved thistle below bust, reads DEI : and FRA ·, 6.07g/3h (Murray 19; SCBI 35, 1589; B. 10, fig. 1052, same rev. die; S 5611). *Small edge flaw and some light adjustment marks, very fine, the die-axis unusual* £200-£260

Provenance: Bt Edinburgh Coin Shop July 1982

It has been estimated that in excess of 212,000 Merks were struck in 1672.



- 774** Merk, 1674, type III, F below bust, 6.31g/12h (D 25; M 21; SCBI 35, –; B 13, fig. –; S 5612). *Fine and rare* £100-£150

Provenance: J.K.R. Murray Collection, Spink Auction 57, 29 April 1987, lot 390 (part); DNW Auction 104, 5 December 2012, lot 718 (part)

Discrepancies arise between the estimated strike suggested by the Mint Registers for this issue and the number of surviving coins. It would seem likely that many of the coins produced during 1674 were struck using old 1673-dated dies. It is not known why the F mintmark for Sir John Falconer was reintroduced at this time to replace the leaved thistle mark.



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- £10,000 to £20,000 by £1,000
- £20,000 to £50,000 by £2,000

Bids of unusual amounts **will be rounded down** to the bid step below and will **not** take precedence over a similar bid unless received first.

NOTE:

All bids placed other than via our website should be received by 4 PM on the day prior to the sale. Although we will endeavour to execute any late bids, Noonans cannot accept responsibility for bids received after that time. It is strongly advised that you use our online Advance Bidding Facility. If you have a valid email address bids may be entered, and amended or cancelled, online at www.noonans.co.uk right up until a lot is offered. You will receive a confirmatory email for all bids and amendments. Bids posted to our office using this form will be entered by our staff using the same Advance Bidding Facility. **There is, therefore, no better way of ensuring the accuracy of your advance bids than to place them yourself online.**

I confirm that I have read and agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of Business in the catalogue.

SIGNED

NAME (block capitals)

CLIENT CODE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

If successful, payment can be made in the following ways:

Credit/Debit card online via www.noonans.co.uk

Bank Transfer

Bankers: Lloyds; Address: Piccadilly, London; Sort code: 30-96-64; Account No.: 00622865; Swift Code: LOYDGB2L; IBAN: GB70LOYD30966400622865; BIC: LOYDGB21085

Cheque payable to Noonans

Cash up to a maximum of £5,000

All payments to be made in pounds sterling.

Please note payment is due within five working days of the end of the auction.

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If you wish to place a 'plus one' bid, please write '+1' next to the relevant bid

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SALEROOM NOTICES:

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SUCCESSFUL BIDS

Should you be a successful bidder you will receive an invoice detailing your purchases. All purchases are sent by registered post unless otherwise instructed, for which a minimum charge of £12.00 (plus VAT if resident in the UK) will be added to your invoice. All payments for purchases must be made in pounds sterling. Please check your bids carefully.

PRICES REALISED

The hammer prices bid at the auction are posted on the Internet at www.noonans.co.uk in real time. A full list of prices realised appear on our website as the auction progresses. Telephone enquiries are welcome from 9 AM the following day.

CONDITIONS MAINLY CONCERNING BUYERS

1 The buyer

The highest bidder shall be the buyer at the 'hammer price' and any dispute shall be settled at the auctioneer's absolute discretion. Every bidder shall be deemed to act as principal unless there is in force a written acknowledgement by Noonans Mayfair Ltd. ("Noonans") that he acts as agent on behalf of a named principal. Bids will be executed in the order that they are received.

2 Minimum increment

The auctioneer shall have the right to refuse any bid which does not conform to Noonans' published bidding increments which may be found at noonans.co.uk and in the bidding form included with the auction catalogue.

3 The premium

The buyer shall pay to Noonans a premium of 24% on the 'hammer price' and agrees that Noonans, when acting as agent for the seller, may also receive commission from the seller in accordance with Condition 16.

4 Value Added Tax (VAT)

The buyers' premium is subject to the current rate of Value Added Tax if the lot is delivered to or collected by the purchaser within the UK.

Lots marked 'X' are subject to importation VAT of 5% on the hammer price unless re-exported outside the UK, as per the conditions below.

Buyers who wish to hand carry their lots to export them from the UK will be charged VAT at the prevailing rate and importation VAT (where applicable) and will not be able to claim a VAT refund.

Buyers will only be able to secure a VAT free invoice and/or VAT refund if the goods are exported by Noonans or a pre-approved commercial shipper. Where the buyer instructs a pre-approved commercial shipper, proof of correct export out of the UK must be provided to Noonans by the buyer within 30 days of export and no later than 90 days from the date of the sale. Refunds are subject to a £50 administrative fee.

Lots marked '++' are subject to the Standard Rate of VAT, currently 20%, on both the hammer price and buyers' premium.

VAT can only be removed from the hammer price, if goods are exported by Noonans or a pre-approved commercial shipper as per above. All lots will be subject to VAT on the buyers' premium regardless of whether the lot is exported.

5. Artist's Resale Rights (Droit de Suite)

Lots marked ARR in the catalogue indicate lots that may be subject to this royalty payment. The royalty will be charged to the buyer on the 'hammer price' and is in addition to the buyers' premium. Royalties are charged on a sliding percentage scale as shown below but do not apply to lots where the hammer price is less than 1000 pounds sterling. All royalty charges are paid in full to The Design and Artists Copyright Society (DACS).

Portion of the hammer price	Royalties
From 0 to £50,000	4%
From £50,000.01 to £200,000	3%
From £200,000.01 to £350,000	1%
From £350,000.01 to £500,000	0.5%
Exceeding £500,000	0.25%

VAT does not apply to the Artist's Resale Rights.

6 Payment

When a lot is sold the buyer shall:

- (a) confirm to Noonans his or her name and address and, if so requested, give proof of identity; and
- (b) pay to Noonans the 'total amount due' in pounds sterling within five working days of the end of the sale (unless credit terms have been agreed with Noonans before the auction). Please note that we will not accept cash payments in excess of £5,000 (five thousand pounds) in settlement for purchases made at any one auction.

7 Noonans may, at its absolute discretion, agree credit terms with the buyer before an auction under which the buyer will be entitled to take possession of lots purchased up to an agreed amount in value in advance of payment by a determined future date of the 'total amount due'.

8 Any payments by a buyer to Noonans may be applied by Noonans towards any sums owing from that buyer to Noonans on any account whatever, without regard to any directions of the buyer, his or her agent, whether expressed or implied.

9 Collection of purchases

The ownership of the lot(s) purchased shall not pass to the buyer until he or she has made payment in full to Noonans of the 'total amount due' in pounds sterling.

10 (a) The buyer shall at his or her own expense take away the lot(s) purchased not later than 5 working days after the day of the auction but (unless credit terms have been agreed in accordance with Condition 7) not before payment to Noonans of the 'total amount due'.

(b) The buyer shall be responsible for any removal, storage and insurance charges on any lot not taken away within 5 working days after the day of the auction.

(c) The packing and handling of purchased lots by Noonans staff is undertaken solely as a courtesy to clients and, in the case of fragile articles, will be undertaken only at Noonans' discretion. In no event will Noonans be liable for damage to glass or frames, regardless of the cause. Bulky lots or sharp implements, etc., may not be suitable for in-house shipping.

11 Buyers' responsibilities for lots purchased

The buyer will be responsible for loss or damage to lots purchased from the time of collection or the expiry of 5 working days after the day of the auction, whichever is the sooner. Neither Noonans nor its servants or agents shall thereafter be responsible for any loss or damage of any kind, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, while any lot is in its custody or under its control.

Loss and damage warranty cover at the rate of 1.5% will be applied to any lots despatched by Noonans to destinations outside the UK, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the consignee.

12 Remedies for non-payment or failure to collect purchase

If any lot is not paid for in full and taken away in accordance with Conditions 6 and 10, or if there is any other breach of either of those Conditions, Noonans as agent of the seller shall, at its absolute discretion and without prejudice to any other rights it may have, be entitled to exercise one or

more of the following rights and remedies:

- (a) to proceed against the buyer for damages for breach of contract.
- (b) to rescind the sale of that or any other lots sold to the defaulting buyer at the same or any other auction.
- (c) to re-sell the lot or cause it to be re-sold by public auction or private sale and the defaulting buyer shall pay to Noonans any resulting deficiency in the 'total amount due' (after deduction of any part payment and addition of re-sale costs) and any surplus shall belong to the seller.
- (d) to remove, store and insure the lot at the expense of the defaulting buyer and, in the case of storage, either at Noonans' premises or elsewhere.
- (e) to charge interest at a rate not exceeding 2 percent per month on the 'total amount due' to the extent it remains unpaid for more than 5 working days after the day of the auction.
- (f) to retain that or any other lot sold to the same buyer at the sale or any other auction and release it only after payment of the 'total amount due'.
- (g) to reject or ignore any bids made by or on behalf of the defaulting buyer at any future auctions or obtaining a deposit before accepting any bids in future.
- (h) to apply any proceeds of sale then due or at any time thereafter becoming due to the defaulting buyer towards settlement of the 'total amount due' and to exercise a lien on any property of the defaulting buyer which is in Noonans' possession for any purpose.

13 Liability of Noonans and sellers

(a) Goods auctioned are usually of some age. All goods are sold with all faults and imperfections and errors of description. Illustrations in catalogues are for identification only. Buyers should satisfy themselves prior to the sale as to the condition of each lot and should exercise and rely on their own judgement as to whether the lot accords with its description. Subject to the obligations accepted by Noonans under this Condition, none of the seller, Noonans, its servants or agents is responsible for errors of descriptions or for the genuineness or authenticity of any lot. No warranty whatever is given by Noonans, its servants or agents, or any seller to any buyer in respect of any lot and any express or implied conditions or warranties are hereby excluded.

(b) Any lot which proves to be a 'deliberate forgery' may be returned by the buyer to Noonans within 15 days of the date of the auction in the same condition in which it was at the time of the auction, accompanied by a statement of defects, the number of the lot, and the date of the auction at which it was purchased. If Noonans is satisfied that the item is a 'deliberate forgery' and that the buyer has and is able to transfer a good and marketable title to the lot free from any third party claims, the sale will be set aside and any amount paid in respect of the lot will be refunded, provided that the buyer shall have no rights under this Condition if:

- (i) the description in the catalogue at the date of the sale was in accordance with the then generally accepted opinion of scholars and experts or fairly indicated that there was a conflict of such opinion; or
- (ii) the only method of establishing at the date of publication of the catalogue that the lot was a

'deliberate forgery' was by means of scientific processes not generally accepted for use until after publication of the catalogue or a process which was unreasonably expensive or impractical.

(c) A buyer's claim under this Condition shall be limited to any amount paid in respect of the lot and shall not extend to any loss or damage suffered or expense incurred by him or her.

(d) The benefit of the Condition shall not be assignable and shall rest solely and exclusively in the buyer who, for the purpose of this condition, shall be and only be the person to whom the original invoice is made out by Noonans in respect of the lot sold.

CONDITIONS MAINLY CONCERNING SELLERS AND CONSIGNORS

14 Warranty of title and availability

The seller warrants to Noonans and to the buyer that he or she is the true owner of the property or is properly authorised to sell the property by the true owner and is able to transfer good and marketable title to the property free from any third party claims. The seller will indemnify Noonans, its servants and agents and the buyer against any loss or damage suffered by either in consequence of any breach on the part of the seller.

15 Reserves

The seller shall be entitled to place, prior to the first day of the auction, a reserve at or below the low estimate on any lot provided that the low estimate is more than £100. Such reserve being the minimum 'hammer price' at which that lot may be treated as sold. A reserve once placed by the seller shall not be changed without the consent of Noonans. Noonans may at their option sell at a 'hammer price' below the reserve but in any such cases the sale proceeds to which the seller is entitled shall be the same as they would have been had the sale been at the reserve. Where a reserve has been placed, only the auctioneer may bid on behalf of the seller.

16 Authority to deduct commission and expenses

The seller authorises Noonans to deduct commission at the 'stated rate' and 'expenses' from the 'hammer price' and acknowledges Noonans' right to retain the premium payable by the buyer.

17 Rescission of sale

If before Noonans remit the 'sale proceeds' to the seller, the buyer makes a claim to rescind the sale that is appropriate and Noonans is of the opinion that the claim is justified, Noonans is authorised to rescind the sale and refund to the buyer any amount paid to Noonans in respect of the lot.

18 Payment of sale proceeds

Noonans shall remit the 'sale proceeds' to the seller 35 days after the auction, but if by that date Noonans has not received the 'total amount due' from the buyer then Noonans will remit the sale proceeds within five working days after the date on which the 'total amount due' is received from the buyer. If credit terms have been agreed between Noonans and the buyer, Noonans shall remit to the seller the sale proceeds 35 days after the auction unless otherwise agreed by the seller.

19 If the buyer fails to pay to Noonans the 'total amount due' within 35 days after the auction, Noonans will endeavour to notify the seller and take the seller's instructions as to the appropriate course of action and, so far as in Noonans' opinion is practicable, will assist the seller to recover the

'total amount due' from the buyer. If circumstances do not permit Noonans to take instructions from the seller, the seller authorises Noonans at the seller's expense to agree special terms for payment of the 'total amount due', to remove, store and insure the lot sold, to settle claims made by or against the buyer on such terms as Noonans shall in its absolute discretion think fit, to take such steps as are necessary to collect monies due by the buyer to the seller and if necessary to rescind the sale and refund money to the buyer if appropriate.

20 If, notwithstanding that, the buyer fails to pay to Noonans the 'total amount due' within 35 days after the auction and Noonans remits the 'sale proceeds' to the seller, the ownership of the lot shall pass to Noonans.

21 Charges for withdrawn lots

Where a seller cancels instructions for sale, Noonans reserve the right to charge a fee of 15% of Noonans' then latest middle estimate of the auction price of the property withdrawn, together with Value Added Tax thereon if the seller is resident in the UK, and 'expenses' incurred in relation to the property.

22 Rights to photographs and illustrations

The seller gives Noonans full and absolute right to photograph and illustrate any lot placed in its hands for sale and to use such photographs and illustrations and any photographs and illustrations provided by the seller at any time at its absolute discretion (whether or not in connection with the auction).

23 Unsold lots

Where any lot fails to sell, Noonans shall notify the seller accordingly. The seller shall make arrangements either to re-offer the lot for sale or to collect the lot.

24 Noonans reserve the right to charge commission up to one-half of the 'stated rates' calculated on the 'bought-in price' and in addition 'expenses' in respect of any unsold lots.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND DEFINITIONS

25 Noonans sells as agent for the seller (except where it is stated wholly or partly to own any lot as principal) and as such is not responsible for any default by seller or buyer.

26 Any representation or statement by Noonans, in any catalogue as to authorship, attribution, genuineness, origin, date, age, provenance, condition or estimated selling price is a statement of opinion only. Every person interested should exercise and rely on his or her own judgement as to such matters and neither Noonans nor its servants or agents are responsible for the correctness of such opinions.

27 Whilst the interests of prospective buyers are best served by attendance at the auction, Noonans will, if so instructed, execute bids on their behalf. Neither Noonans nor its servants or agents are responsible for any neglect or default in doing so or for failing to do so.

28 Noonans shall have the right, at its discretion, to refuse admission to its premises or attendance at its auctions by any person.

29 Noonans has absolute discretion without giving any reason to refuse any bid, to divide any lot, to combine any two or more lots, to withdraw any lot from the auction and in case of dispute to put

up any lot for auction again.

30 (a) Any indemnity under these Conditions shall extend to all actions, proceedings costs, expenses, claims and demands whatever incurred or suffered by the person entitled to the benefit of the indemnity.

(b) Noonans declares itself to be a trustee for its relevant servants and agents of the benefit of every indemnity under these Conditions to the extent that such indemnity is expressed to be for the benefit of its servants and agents.

31 Any notice by Noonans to a seller, consignor, prospective bidder or buyer may be given by first class mail, airmail or email and if so given shall be deemed to have been duly received by the addressee within 48 hours.

32 These Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. All transactions to which these Conditions apply and all matters connected therewith shall also be governed by English law. Noonans hereby submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and all other parties concerned hereby submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

33 In these Conditions:

(a) 'catalogue' includes any advertisement, brochure, estimate, price list or other publication;

(b) 'hammer price' means the price at which a lot is knocked down by the auctioneer to the buyer;

(c) 'total amount due' means the 'hammer price' in respect of the lot sold together with any premium, Value Added Tax chargeable and additional charges and expenses due from a defaulting buyer in pounds sterling;

(d) 'deliberate forgery' means an imitation made with the intention of deceiving as to authorship, origin, date, age, period, culture or source which is not shown to be such in the description in the catalogue and which at the date of the sale had a value materially less than it would have had if it had been in accordance with that description;

(e) 'sale proceeds' means the net amount due to the seller being the 'hammer price' of the lot sold less commission at the 'stated rates' and 'expenses' and any other amounts due to Noonans by the seller in whatever capacity and howsoever arising;

(f) 'stated rate' means Noonans' published rates of commission for the time and any Value Added Tax thereon;

(g) 'expenses' in relation to the sale of any lot means Noonans charges and expenses for insurance, illustrations, special advertising, certification, remedials, packing and freight of that lot and any Value Added Tax thereon;

(h) 'bought-in price' means 5 per cent more than the highest bid received below the reserve.

34 Vendors' commission of sales

A commission of 15% is payable by the vendor on the hammer price on lots sold.

Insurance is charged at 1.5% of the hammer price.

35 VAT

Commission, illustrations, insurance and expenses are subject to VAT if the seller is resident in the UK.

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