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Pages 1–22 (December 1893 – November 1894)

Pages 1–2 – File cover

Royal Mint Directorate.

ACTA concerning the coinage for the South African Republic (Transvaal). 1894 – 19.. Vol. II.

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Pages 3–4 – National Bank to the Berlin Mint, 9 December 1893

Letterhead: De Nationale Bank der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek Beperkt. General Managers' Office.

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 3/1/94, Berlin. Folio 1.

Pretoria, 9th December 1893.

To the DIRECTORATE of the BERLIN MINT, Berlin.

We take the liberty of informing you that, through our London branch, we have given an order for the procurement of 2 weighing machines for the Pretoria Mint, and if, as we assume, these machines should be manufactured by Mr. Paul Stückradt, we permit ourselves to call upon your kindness by asking you, as before, to have one of your officials carry out the relevant quality inspection and to send us a corresponding certificate.

We kindly ask you to excuse the trouble and, thanking you in advance, we sign

Respectfully, DE NATIONALE BANK DER Z.A.R. BPT. Dr. W. Knappe.

Docket (left margin): Noted. Berlin, 4 Jan. 1894. Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner.

Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for information and for submission of [the certificate] after the inspection has been carried out. 4/1.94. C. Conrad. — Submitted 6/1.94. — Journal I. 10.

Pages 5–7 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to Director Conrad, 9 February 1894

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received [5] March 94, Berlin. Folios 2–4.

Pretoria, 9 Feb. 1894.

To the Director of the Royal Prussian Mints, Herr C. Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren [Your Honour], Berlin.

We respectfully ask Your Honour kindly to have made at the Mint there, for the Staatsmunt at Pretoria:

2 dozen melting-and-casting ladles, namely

- 8 pieces of hemispherical [shape], 160 mm diameter, 90 mm deep;
- 8 pieces of the same, 140 mm diameter, 80 mm deep;
- 8 pieces of 140 mm, rising to the brim, after the Berlin model in use.

*We further take the liberty of informing Your Honour that, under certain conditions, we have ordered from the firm **Paul Stückradt in Friedenau near Berlin two further automatic weighing machines**. Should Mr. Stückradt carry out the order, it would be valuable for the Mint here to have them inspected and accepted by the Berlin Mint. We therefore address to Your Honour the respectful request kindly to grant your permission that the works of the Royal Mint at Berlin inspect and certify the machines in question.*

*We use this opportunity to express, belatedly, our most sincere thanks to the gentlemen of the works staff who inspected the two machines previously supplied by Stückradt, and, in order to counter any erroneous views, to remark that the said machines, in the continuous use they have had since **November**, have met the requirements to be placed on them. Your Honour is therefore assured that the cooperation of the Berlin Mint is in this, as in many other cases, gratefully acknowledged, so that we give ourselves up to the hope that the Mint there will this time too fulfil our request.*

*We remain with distinguished respect, **W. Denker**, Acting Master of the Mint **Ad. Härtel**, Accountant*

The Berliner Handelsgesellschaft will, as usual, pay the amount for the casting ladles.

Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for information and execution. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 5 March 1894, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner. — Journal I. 231.

Page 8 – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to Director Conrad, [19] March 1894

Letterhead: Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, Berlin W., Französische Str. 42. Telegraphic address: Handelschaft. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 21 March 94, Berlin. Folio 5.

Berlin, [19] March 1894.

To Herr Mint Director C. Conrad, here, Royal Mint.

In the enclosure we respectfully hand you a letter received by us from the Nationale Bank der Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek (Beperkt), Pretoria, with the request to pass it on to you, and ask you kindly to comply with the wish of Mr. W. Denker expressed therein.

For the settlement of the relevant cost invoices we have, as before, been instructed, and we respectfully ask you, as in earlier cases, to certify the manufacture of the said coining dies in accordance with the order.

Respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft [two signatures]

Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for execution. 1 enclosure. 21/3.94. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 21 March 1894, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner. — Journal I. 322.

Pages 9–10 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to Director Conrad, 24 February 1894 (die order)

Seal: Staatsmunt Pretoria. Folios 6–7.

Pretoria, 24th February 1894.

To the Director of the Royal Prussian Mints, Herr C. Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

With reference to our letter of the 9th inst., we permit ourselves herewith to ask Your Honour to have the dies listed below made for the Mint here and to send them by the known route on receipt of this order:

	Denomination	Pieces
Obverse	1 Pond	6
Obverse	2½ Shilling	6
Obverse	2 Shilling	6
Obverse	1 Shilling	6
Reverse	1 Pond	18 pieces 1894
Reverse	½ Pond	12
Reverse	2½ Shilling	12
Reverse	2 Shilling	12
Reverse	1 Shilling	18
	Total	96 pieces

The Berliner Handelsgesellschaft has, as usual, been instructed to pay the costs for us.

Thanking you in advance, we commend ourselves to you with distinguished respect, W. Denker, Acting Master of the Mint Ad. Härtel, Accountant

Pencil note: "£ 30". — ad Journal I. 322.

Page 11 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 29 March 1894 (draft)

Folio 8.

Berlin, 29th March 1894.

To the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I send you a statement of costs for the manufacture of dies and for postage which have arisen for the Royal Mint here in its dealings with the Mint at Pretoria, with the respectful request that you kindly have the amounts, totalling **M. 166**, paid to the Mint treasury here.

The Mint Director C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched [...]". — Journal I. 352.

Page 12 (left) – Cost statement, 28 March 1894 (copy)

Copy. Statement of Costs.

For the South African Mint in Pretoria, for the production of **reverse coining dies with the year 1894, which have been altered and improved by Medallist Schultz**,

- 9 pieces reverse matrices and
- 9 pieces reverse patrices [punches]

have been made, namely: for 1 and ½ Pond, for 5, 2, 2½ and 1 Shilling, and for 6 and 3 Pence and 1 Penny.

The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
for wages	M. 90.–
for material	M. 60.–
for upkeep of the tools	M. 15.–
	M. 165.–

In addition, in the interest of the Mint in Pretoria, 4 letters were sent to it, and postage was paid out for them: M. 1.–

Total M. 166.–

Berlin, 28th March 1894. Royal Mint Treasury.

Pages 12–13 (right) – Three Mint letters, 20 April 1894 (drafts)

Folio 9.

Berlin, 20 April 1894.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today the ordered 24 casting ladles have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The dies and official seal will be dispatched in about 3 weeks.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 485.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 24 casting ladles, value M. 370, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 486.

3. To the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I respectfully send you a cost statement for the manufacture and packing of 24 casting ladles made for the Mint in Pretoria and already dispatched, with the respectful request that you kindly pay the amount of M. 370 to the Royal Mint Treasury.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 487.

Margin: "dispatched 20/4".

Page 14 (left) – Cost note, casting ladles, April 1894

For the Mint in Pretoria 24 casting ladles have been made.

The costs amount to:

Item	Rate	Amount
8 large casting ladles	@ M. 20	M. 160
8 medium	@ M. 15	M. 120
8 small	@ M. 10	M. 80
Total 24 pieces		M. 360
for 1 wooden crate for packing		M. 10
		M. 370

B[erlin], 2[0] April 94. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Page 14 (right) – National Bank, London, to the Royal Mint, [23] April 1894 (original in English)

Letterhead: The National Bank of the South African Republic, Limited. De Nationale Bank der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek Beperkt. Constituted in the South African Republic as a Limited Company by Special Decree of the Volksraad. 73, Cornhill. Telegrams: Bankhouder. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 25 Apr. 94, Berlin. Folio 10.

London, E.C., [23] April 1894.

Director, Royal Mint, Berlin.

Dear Sir,

We are honored with your favor of 20th inst. and note with pleasure therefrom that you have forwarded 1 case of iron trowels [ladles] to Mr. John Suhr, Hamburg, for further consignment to the Pretoria Mint.

Yours faithfully, For the NATIONAL BANK of the SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, Ld. [W. ... Thompson?], MANAGER.

Docket: To the files, 25/4.94. C. C. — Journal I. 523.

Page 15 – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 28 July 1894

Folio 11.

That the **two bronze seals, each in 2 sizes, 4 pieces in all**, ordered in the letter of the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft of 29 March 1894 and in the letter of the State Mint in Pretoria of 2 March 1894, which was addressed to Royal Medallist Herr O. Schultz, have been made by him, is herewith certified.

Berlin, 28 July 1894. The Mint Director.

Margin: "dispatched [...]". — Journal I. 1122.

Page 16 – Two Mint letters, 3 August 1894 (drafts)

Folio 12.

Berlin, 3 August 1894.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today the dies ordered in your letter of 24 February, namely:

Obverse	Reverse	Denomination
6	18	1 Pond
—	12	½ Pond
6	12	2½ Shilling
6	12	2 Shilling
6	18	1 Shilling

as well as 4 official seals, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1155.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 96 coining dies and 4 official seals, value M. 1000, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1156.

Page 17 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 7 August 1894 (draft)

Folio 13.

Berlin, 7th August 1894.

To the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, here.

*Enclosed I send you a statement of the costs arising from the manufacture and packing of 96 coining dies for the Mint in Pretoria, amounting to M. 805.40, together with postage paid out, amounting to M. 1.05, with the respectful request that you kindly have the total amount of **M. 806.45** paid to the Mint treasury here.*

The Mint Director.

Margin: "dispatched 8 VIII". Note: "Copy below". — Journal I. 1174.

Page 18 (left) – Cost statement, 4 August 1894 (copy)

Copy. Statement of Costs.

For the Mint in Pretoria 96 coining dies have been made, namely:

Obverse	Reverse	Denomination
6	18	1 Pond
—	12	½ Pond
6	12	2½ Shilling
6	12	2 Shilling
6	18	1 Shilling
24 obverse	72 reverse	= 96 pieces

These were punched [sunk], turned, hardened and ground. The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
for material	410.00 M.
wages	280.50 M.

Item	Amount
upkeep of the tools	72.00 M.
	762.50 M.
coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting, per piece 0.10	M. 9.60
96 tin boxes with felt lining @ 0.30	M. 28.80
1 crate with zinc lining	M. 4.50 = 42.90 M.
	805.40 M.

In the period from 19 April to 3 August, 6 letters were sent to the Mint in Pretoria. The postage for them amounts to: M. 1.05

Total M. 806.45

Berlin, 4 August 1894. Royal Mint Treasury.

Page 18 (right) – National Bank, London, to the Royal Prussian Mint, 7 August 1894 (*original in English*)

Letterhead as before. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 9 Aug. 94, Berlin. Folio 14.

London, E.C., 7th August 1894.

Royal Prussian Mint, Berlin.

Dear Sirs,

We are honoured by your favor of 3rd inst. and note with pleasure that you have forwarded to Mr. John Suhr, Hamburg, 1 case of stamps, for shipment to the State Mint, Pretoria.

We have the honour to be, dear Sirs, Yours obediently, For the NATIONAL BANK of the SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, Ld. [W. ... Thompson?], MANAGER.

Docket: To the files, 9/8.94. — Journal I. 1181.

Pages 19–20 – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 3 October 1894

Folio 15.

*To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he **made 204 dies of 1894 for the Mint in Pretoria** and sent them to it.*

Berlin, 3 October 1894. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

Margin tally: "Delivered: [2]/11/93 60 pieces; [...] /12 48; 3/8/94 96 = 204." — Journal I. 1571.

Page 21 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Royal Prussian Mint, 19 [October] 1894

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 14 Nov. 94, Berlin. Folio 17.

Pretoria, 19 [Oct.] 1894.

To the Royal Prussian Mint, Berlin.

With the present we permit ourselves to ask you to have the dies listed below made for our Mint and to have them sent to us by the known route:

Reverse

Metal	Denomination	Pieces
Gold	1 Pond	18
Gold	½ Pond	12
Silver	2½ Shilling	6
Silver	2 Shilling	12
Silver	1 Shilling	18
Silver	6 Pence	6
Silver	3 Pence	6
	Together	78 pieces

Thanking you respectfully in advance for the favour, we commend ourselves to you with all respect, **F. Kraus**, Mint Director.

Marginal Note: Noted, Berlin, 14 Nov. 1894, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner, O. Schultz. — Journal I. 1802.

Page 22 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Royal Prussian Mint, [October] 1894

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 14 Nov. 94, Berlin. Folio 18.

Pretoria, [...] 1894.

To the Royal Prussian Mint, Berlin.

To our respectful letter of today we permit ourselves to add that the reverse dies ordered with it must **bear the year 1895**, which we ask you kindly to note.

We commend ourselves to you with all respect, **F. Kraus**, Mint Director.

"1895" underlined in red in the original.

Docket: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution.

Enclosure I. 1802. 14/11.94. C. Conrad. — Journal I. 1803.

Pages 23–41 (November 1894 – October 1895)

Page 23 – Mint to the Pretoria Mint, 20 November 1894 (draft)

Folio 19.

Berlin, 20 November 1894.

To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that your order of the 19th ult., namely for

Pieces	Die	Denomination
18	reverse dies	1 Pond
12	reverse dies	½ Pond
6	reverse dies	2½ Shilling
12	reverse dies	2 Shilling
18	reverse dies	1 Shilling
6	reverse dies	6 Pence
6	reverse dies	3 Pence

= 78 dies with the year 1895, has been received, and that Medallist Schultz has already begun the work concerned.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched 2[1]/XI". — Journal I. 1837.

Pages 24–25 – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 8 March 1895

Folio 20.

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria and sent to it

Pieces	Die	Denomination
18	reverse dies	1 Pond
12	reverse dies	½ Pond
6	reverse dies	2½ Shilling
12	reverse dies	2 Shilling
18	reverse dies	1 Shilling

Pieces	Die	Denomination
6	reverse dies	6 Pence
6	reverse dies	3 Pence

= 78 reverse dies, **and has altered the year on the relevant patrices to 1895.**

Berlin, 8 March 1895. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched 9/III". — Journal I. 325.

Page 26 – Mint working note, [March 1895]

Folio 21.

For Pretoria.

Patrices altered to 1895:

- 1 Pond
- ½ Pond
- 2½ Shillings
- 2 Shillings
- 1 Shilling
- 6 Pence
- 3 Pence

Dies struck [reverse]:

Denomination	Pieces
1 Pond	18
½ Pond	12
2½ Shillings	6
2 Shillings	12
1 Shilling	18
6 Pence	6
3 Pence	6
Total	78 pieces

— ad Journal I. 325.

Page 27 – Two Mint letters, 8 March 1895 (drafts)

Folio 22.

Berlin, 8 March 1895.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today the reverse dies ordered in your letter of 19 October of last year, with the year 1895, namely

Pieces	Denomination
18	1 Pond
12	½ Pond
6	2½ Shilling
12	2 Shilling
18	1 Shilling
6	6 Pence
6	3 Pence

have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 326.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 78 coining dies, value M. 750, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 327.

Margin: "ad 1 and 2 dispatched 9/III".

Pages 28–29 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 9 March 1895 (draft), with cost statement

Folio 23.

Berlin, 9 March 1895.

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

*To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft I send enclosed a statement in the amount of **M. 822.70** for costs which have arisen from the **production of 7 new reverse matrices and patrices**, and of 78 coining dies for the Mint in Pretoria, with the respectful request for kind arrangement of payment.*

The objects concerned went yesterday for dispatch to J. Suhr in Hamburg.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched 9/III". — Journal I. 334.

Copy. Statement of Costs.

*For the Mint in Pretoria, for the production of coining dies for gold and silver coins, **as a result of the change of the year, 7 reverse matrices and 7 reverse patrices were newly made**, and then the following coining dies produced, namely: punched, turned, hardened and ground:*

Pieces	Die	Denomination
18	reverse dies	1 Pond
12	reverse dies	½ Pond
6	reverse dies	2½ Shilling
12	reverse dies	2 Shilling
18	reverse dies	1 Shilling
6	reverse dies	6 Pence
6	reverse dies	3 Pence
78		

The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
a. for the 7 reverse matrices and 7 patrices: wages	83.— M.
for material	78.30
for upkeep of the tools	16.70
	M. 178.00
b. for the 78 coining dies: wages	255.80
for material	294.60
for upkeep of the tools	55.60 = M. 606
Sum	M. 784.—

In addition, the following incidental costs have arisen:

Item	Amount
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 0.10 M	7.80
for 78 tin boxes with felt lining for packing the dies @ 0.30 M	23.40
for 1 wooden crate with zinc lining for dispatching the dies	7.50
	M. 822.70

Berlin, 8 March 1895. Royal Mint Treasury.

Page 30 (left) – National Bank, London, to Director Conrad, 11 March 1895 (original in English)

Letterhead as before. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 13 March 95, Berlin.

London, E.C., 11 March 1895.

To the Mint Director C. Conrad, Royal Prussian Mint, Berlin.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. informing us that you have sent 78 dies for stamping to Mr. John Suhr, Hamburg, for despatch to Pretoria. We note the value is M 750.

We are, Sir, Your obedt. Servts. For the NATIONAL BANK of the SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, Ld. [W. ... Thompson?], MANAGER.

Docket: To the files, 13/3.95. C. C. — Journal I. 355.

Page 30 (right) – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to the Royal Mint, 1 May 1895

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 2 May 95, Berlin. Folio 25.

Berlin, 1 May 1895.

To the Royal Mint, here.

In the enclosure we hand you a letter intended for you, which reached us through the agency of the Nationale Bank der Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek in Pretoria, from the Staatsmunt in Pretoria, and we ask you kindly to have the order given therein carried out and to have the receipted cost invoice presented to our cash office.

We have been instructed by the National Bank in Pretoria, besides the above invoice, also to honour the one for the order placed with you by the Staatsmunt on 19 October 1894, and ask you kindly to submit it to us as well.

[Respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft]

Page 31 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 2 May 1895 (draft)

Folio 26.

Berlin, 2 May 1895.

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

In reply to your kind letter of the 1st inst. I respectfully inform you that the 78 coining dies ordered directly from us by the Staatsmunt in Pretoria on 19 October 1894 were sent on 8 March to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria. The cost statement drawn up for this by the Royal Mint Treasury, in the amount of M. 822.70, was sent to you on 9 March and the amount was paid by you. For the dies with the year 1896 now ordered, which have been put in hand, we will submit the cost statement to you in due course.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched 3/5".

Page 32 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Mint Directorate, 5 April 1895

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Folio 27.

Pretoria, 5 April 1895.

To the Directorate of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

*We herewith ask you for the manufacture and dispatch, by the known route, of the dies listed below, with the **year 1896**:*

Denomination	Obverse	Reverse	Collars
£1	24	24	—
£½	—	6	—
2/6	—	6	—
2/-	—	12	—
1/-	24	18	6
6 pence	—	6	—
3 pence	6	6	—
Total	54 pieces	78 pieces	6 pieces

*Thanking you in advance for the favour, we ask you for confirmation of receipt of this letter and at the same time inform you that **we have still not come into possession of the dies ordered on 19th October 1894.***

With all respect, **F. Kraus**, Mint Director.

— ad Journal I. 597.

Page 33 – Mint to the Pretoria Mint, 2 May 1895 (draft), with docket

Folio 28.

Berlin, 2 May 1895.

To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that your order of the 5th ult., concerning the manufacture of

Obverse dies	Reverse dies	Denomination
24	24	1 Pond
—	6	½ Pond
—	6	2½ Shilling
—	12	2 Shilling
24	18	1 Shilling
—	6	6 Pence
6	6	3 Pence
= 54 pieces	= 78 pieces, year 1896	

and 6 collars for 1 Shilling, was received here today.

The dies ordered on 19 October 1894 were, as already communicated on 8 March, dispatched from here to Hamburg on that day.

Finally, in order to make timely delivery of the dies possible, I would respectfully ask you always to place the order for the following year as early as now.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched 3/5". Docket on the Pretoria letter: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution. 2/5.95. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 2 May 1895, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner; Otto Schultz. — To the files, 3/5.95. — ad Journal I. 597.

Pages 34–35 – Royal Mint Works to Director Conrad, 9 May 1895

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 9 May 95, Berlin. Folio 29.

Berlin, 9 May 1895.

Subject: Manufacture of collars for the Mint in Pretoria.

In the order for coining dies for Pretoria placed on 2 May, 6 collars for 1 Shilling have also been ordered. At the Mint here, however, since a delivery of such rings has not taken place up to now, there is neither a model nor the steel especially suited for them, from an English firm.

In the year 1892, 70 collars for Pretoria were supplied by the firm L. Loewe & Co. here.
These were finish-turned, ground, bored and hardened at the Mint here.

We would therefore respectfully ask either that the collars now ordered be made in the same way as then, or that the supply of the necessary models together with material for their manufacture for the Mint here be kindly arranged.

Royal Mint Works. [signed] Trenkner.

To the Royal Mint Director, Herr Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren.

Docket (left): Returned to the Royal Mint Works with the instruction to place the order for the said 6 collars with L. Loewe & Co., as in 1892, and to finish them at the Mint. 13/5.95. C. Conrad. — Note: The steel plates for the above collars have been ordered from Loewe & Co. Berlin, 13 May 1895. Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner. — To the files, 15/5.95. C. C. — Journal I. 638.

Pages 36–37 – Ludw. Loewe & Co. to the Royal Mint, 14 May 1895

Letterhead: Ludw. Loewe & Co., Actiengesellschaft, Berlin S.W. 13, Hollmann-Str. 32. Giro account at the Reichsbank. Telegraphic address: Ludwig Loewe, Berlin. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 15 May 95. Folio 30.

Berlin S.W. 13, 14 May 1895.

Royal Mint, here.

We thank you kindly for the order kindly given to us with order slip No. 986 of the 13th inst. for:

6 turned steel plates for collars for South African 1 sh. pieces,

which we will deliver in about 10 days, and remain

with distinguished respect, to the Royal Directorate, most obediently, LUDW. LOEWE & CO., Actiengesellschaft. [two signatures]

Docket: To the files, 15/5.95. C. C. — Journal I. 672.

Page 38 (left) – Ludw. Loewe & Co. to the Royal Mint, 15 June 1895

Letterhead as before. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 17 June 95. Folio 31.

Berlin S.W. 13, 15 June 1895.

To the Royal Mint, here.

We take the liberty, returning the relevant order slip No. 986, of enclosing our invoice for 6 collars delivered on the 29th ult., with the request kindly to settle it by crediting us with M. 102.—, and sign

with distinguished respect, LUDW. LOEWE & CO., Actiengesellschaft. [two signatures]

Docket: After the invoice has been passed to the Royal Mint Works – to the files, 17/6.95. C. C. — 2 enclosures. — Journal I. 825.

Page 38 (right) – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 14 August [1895]

Folio 32.

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria and sent to it

Obverse dies	Reverse dies	Denomination
24	24	1 Pond
—	6	½ Pond
—	6	2½ Shilling
—	12	2 Shilling
24	18	1 Shilling
—	6	6 Pence
6	6	3 Pence
= 54 pieces	= 78 pieces	

together 132 dies, and has altered the year on the relevant matrices and patrices to 1896.

Berlin, 14 August 189[5]. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

The date is written "1896" in the scan, but the journal number (I. 1049) and the dispatch on 21 August 1895 show it belongs to 1895. Margin: "dispatched [...]". — Journal I. 1049.

Pages 39–40 – Three Mint letters, 21 August 1895 (drafts)

Folios 33–34.

Berlin, 21 August 1895.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that the 6 collars for 1 Shilling pieces ordered in your letter of 5 April of this year, as well as

Obverse	Reverse dies	Denomination
24	24	1 Pond
–	6	½ Pond
–	6	2½ Shilling
–	12	2 Shilling
24	18	1 Shilling
–	6	6 Pence
6	6	3 Pence

= 54 obverse and 78 reverse dies, year 1896, have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1077.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 6 collars and 132 coining dies, value M. 1300, packed in two crates, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 1078.

3. To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I respectfully send you a cost statement for 6 collars, 132 coining dies and patrices made for the Mint in Pretoria, in the amount of M. 1414.20, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment of this sum to the Royal Mint Treasury. The collars and dies have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 1081.

Margins: "ad 1 and 2 dispatched 21/8"; "dispatched 22/8".

Page 41 (left) – Cost statement, 21 August 1895

For the Mint in Pretoria the following have been supplied:

1. 6 collars for 1 Shilling pieces. These were turned, hardened and fitted with [steel inserts].
2. 24 obverse and 24 reverse dies for 1 Pond; 6 reverse for ½ Pond; 6 reverse for 2½ Sh.; 12 reverse for 2 Sh.; 24 obverse and 18 reverse for 1 Sh.; 6 reverse for 6 Pence; 6 obverse and 6 reverse for 3 Pence = 54 obverse and 78 reverse dies = 132 pieces. These were turned, hardened and ground.
3. 7 patrices with the year 1896, for 1 Pond, ½ Pond, 2½, 2 and 1 Shilling, 6 and 3 Pence.

The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
Re 1. for material	12.– M.
wages	36.–
for the rings and [blanks] obtained from the firm L. Loewe & Co.	120.–
Re 2. for material	485.–
wages	429.20
upkeep of the tools	91.80
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 10 Pf.	13.20
132 tin boxes with felt lining for packing the dies @ 0.30 M	39.60
2 wooden crates with zinc lining for dispatching the dies	8.20
Re 3. for wages	83.–
material	78.30
upkeep of the machines	16.70
	1413.– M.
In addition, postage: a. for 3 letters sent 8 March 1895 (to J. Suhr in Hamburg, to the National Bank of the South African Republic in London, and to the Mint in Pretoria)	–.80
b. for 2 letters sent on the 21st inst. to the Mint in Pretoria and to the National Bank in London	–.40
	1414.20 M.

B[erlin], 21/8.95. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Page 41 (right) – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to the Royal Mint, 7 October 1895

Letterhead: Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, Berlin W., Französische Str. 42. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 8 Oct. 1895, Berlin. Folio 35.

Berlin, 7 October 1895.

To the Royal Mint, here.

On behalf of the Nationale Bank der Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek (Beperkt) in Pretoria, we send you in the enclosure a letter intended for you from the Staatsmunt in Pretoria and ask you kindly to have the dies ordered therein for obverse and reverse made and sent to Pretoria in the usual way.

Kindly send the cost statement to us for payment as usual.

We commend ourselves to you respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft. [two signatures]

— Journal I. 1242. ad I. 189/96.

Pages 42–61 (September 1895 – November 1897)

Page 42 repeats the cost statement of 21 August 1895 and the BHG letter of 7 October 1895 (both translated under page 41).

Page 43 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Director of the Royal Mint, 13 September 1895

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Folio 36.

Pretoria, 13 Sep. 1895.

To the Director of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

With the present we permit ourselves to ask you once again for the favour of having the dies listed below made for the Mint here, and of sending them to us by the known route:

Denomination	Obverse	Reverse 1896
2/6	—	6
1/-	12	6
6 pence	24	3
3 pence	18	3
	54 pieces	18 pieces

Together 72 pieces.

Payment will be made to you as before through the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

*Thanking you kindly in advance, we commend ourselves to you with all respect, F. Kraus,
Mint Director.*

Docket: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution. 8/10.95. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 8 Oct. 1895, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner. — ad Journal I. 1242.

Page 44 – Mint to the Royal Mint Works, 13 January 1896 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 14 Jan. 96. Folio 37.

Berlin, 13 January 1896.

To the Royal Mint Works, here.

You are herewith requested to press forward with all energy the completion of the 54 obverse and 18 reverse coining dies ordered by the Mint in Pretoria under 13 September 1895 (received 8 October 1895).

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

— Journal I. 58.

Pages 45–46 (left) – Two Mint letters, 7 February 1896 (drafts)

Stamps: Dispatched 10 Feb. 96; Dispatched 8 Feb. 96. Folio 38.

Berlin, 7 February 1896.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that the dies ordered in your letter of 13 September of last year,

Reverse dies	Obverse dies	Denomination
6	—	2½ Shilling
6	12	1 Shilling
3	24	6 Pence
3	18	3 Pence
= 18 reverse	and 54 obverse dies, 1896	

have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The costs for the dies, amounting to M. 624.80, have been charged to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 189.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 72 coining dies, value M. 600, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 190. cf. 1242/95.

Page 46 (right) – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 7 February 1896

Stamp: Dispatched 8 Feb. 96. Folio 39.

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria and sent to it

Reverse dies	Obverse dies	Denomination
6	–	2½ Shilling
6	12	1 Shilling
3	24	6 Pence
3	18	3 Pence
= 18 pieces	= 54 pieces	

together 72 dies, and has altered the year on the relevant matrices and patrices to 1896.

Berlin, 7 February 1896. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

— *Journal I. 191.*

Page 47 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 7 February 1896 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 8 Feb. 96. Folio 40.

Berlin, 7 February 1896.

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

*Enclosed I respectfully send you a cost statement for 72 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria and today sent to John Suhr in Hamburg, in the amount of **M. 624.80**, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment to the Royal Mint Treasury.*

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

— *Journal I. 193.*

Page 48 (left) – Cost statement, 4 February 1896

Made: 6 reverse dies for 2½ Shilling; 12 obverse and 6 reverse dies for 1 Shilling; 24 obverse and 3 reverse dies for 6 Pence; 18 obverse and 3 reverse dies for 3 Pence = 72 coining dies.

These were punched, turned, hardened and ground at the Mint here. The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
for material	303.20 M.
wages	234.10

Item	Amount
upkeep of the tools	53.70
	591.– M.
further: for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 10 Pf.	7.20
for 72 tin boxes with felt lining @ 30 Pf.	21.60
for wooden crate with zinc lining for dispatching the dies	4.–
In addition, the following postage costs arose and were paid out: on 3.5.95 for 1 letter to Pretoria	–.20
on 21.8.95 for 1 letter to John Suhr in Hamburg	–.40
" for 1 letter to Pretoria	–.20
" for 1 letter to the National Bank of the South African Republic in London	–.20
Total	624.80

B[erlin], 4/2.96. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Page 48 (right) – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Mint Directorate, 10 March 1896

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 7 Apr. 1896, Berlin. Folio 41.

Pretoria, 10 March 1896.

To the Directorate of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

We herewith ask you for the favour of having the dies listed below made for us:

Denomination	Side	Pieces
1 Pond	Reverse 1896	12
2/6	Obverse	24
2/-	Obverse	24
1/-	Obverse	12
		72 pieces

Dispatch as before; payment as usual through the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

*We ask you also to confirm the receipt of this letter and commend ourselves to you with
all respect, **F. Kraus**, Mint Director.*

— Journal I. 545. cf. I. 926/7.

Page 50 – Docket on the Pretoria letter, 8 April 1896; Mint to BHG, 22 June 1896 (draft)

Docket: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution. Berlin, 8 April 1896. The Mint Director, C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 8 Apr. 1896, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner; O. Schultz.

Stamp: Dispatched 22 Jun. 96. Folio 42.

Berlin, 22 June 1896.

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I send a cost statement for 72 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria and today sent to John Suhr in Hamburg, in the amount of **M. 657.80**, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment to the Royal Mint Treasury.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

— Journal I. 922.

Page 51 – Cost statement and two Mint letters, 22 June 1896

Left: cost statement

For the Mint in Pretoria the following have been made: 12 reverse dies for 1 Pond; 24 obverse dies for 2½ Shilling; 24 for 2 Shilling; 12 for 1 Shilling = 72 dies.

These were punched, turned, hardened and ground at the Mint. The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
for wages	246.20 M.
material	321.20 M. = 567.40 M.
upkeep of the tools	57.60
	625.– M.
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 0.10 M	7.20
72 tin boxes @ 0.30 M	21.60
1 wooden crate with zinc lining	4.–
Sum total	657.80

B[erlin], 22/6.96.

Right: drafts (stamps: Dispatched 22 Jun. 96. Folio 43.)

Berlin, 22 June 1896.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic (Transvaal), Pretoria.

The dies ordered in your letter of 10 March of this year,

Pieces	Die	Denomination
12	reverse dies	1 Pond
24	obverse dies	2½ Shilling
24	ditto	2 ditto
12	ditto	1 ditto

= 12 reverse and 60 obverse dies, 1896, have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The costs of the dies, amounting to M. 657.80, have been collected from the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 926.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

Today 72 coining dies, value about M. 650, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to the Mint in Pretoria.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 927.

Page 52 – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 22 June 1896

Stamp: Dispatched 23 Jun. 96. Folio 44.

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria and sent to it

Pieces	Die	Denomination
12	reverse dies	1 Pond
24	obverse dies	2½ Shilling
24	ditto	2 ditto
12	ditto	1 ditto

= 72 dies, and has altered the year on the relevant matrices and patrices to 1896.

Berlin, 22 June 1896. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

— Journal I. 928.

Page 53 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Royal Mint, [2] June 1896

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 20 Jun. 1896, Berlin. Folio 45.

Pretoria, [2] June 1896.

To the Royal Mint, Berlin.

We herewith take the liberty of asking you to have the dies listed below made for the Mint here and to send them to us by the known route:

Reverse 1897

Denomination	Pieces
£1	24
½	6
2/6	12
2/-	12
1/-	18
6d	12
3d	6
Together	96 pieces

Payment as before through the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

Thanking you kindly in advance, we commend ourselves to you with all respect, **F. Kraus**,
Mint Director.

— Journal I. 968. cf. I. 1309.

Page 54 – Docket, 29 June 1896; Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, [14] September 1896

Docket: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution. 29/6.96. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 29 June 1896, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner; O. Schultz.

Folio 46. Margin: "Noted, dispatched 14/9.96".

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria ~~and sent to it~~

Pieces	Die	Denomination
24	reverse dies	1 Pond
6	"	½ Pond

Pieces	Die	Denomination
12	"	2½ Shilling
18	"	2 Shilling
18	"	1 Shilling
12	"	6 Pence
6	"	3 Pence

= 96 dies, **and has altered the year on the relevant matrices and patrices to 1897.**

Berlin, [14] September 1896. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

The words "and sent to it" are struck through in red. — Journal I. 1297.

Page 55 – Mint working note, [September 1896]

Folio 47.

Matrices with the year 1897 struck: 1 Pond, ½ Pond, 2½ Shillings, 2 Shillings, 1 Shilling, 6 Pence, 3 Pence.

Dies struck:

Denomination	Side	Pieces
1 Pond	Reverse	24
½ Pond	"	6
2½ Shillings	"	12
2 Shillings	"	12 [corrected to 18?]
1 Shilling	"	18
6 Pence	"	12
3 Pence	"	6
Sum		96

Pages 56–57 (left) – Three Mint letters, 16 September 1896 (drafts), with cost note

Folio 48.

Berlin, 16 September 1896.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic, Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that the dies ordered in your letter of 2 June 1896,

Pieces	Die	Denomination
24	reverse dies	1 Pond
6	ditto	½
12	ditto	2½ Shilling
18	ditto	2
18	ditto	1
12	ditto	6 Pence
6	ditto	3

= 96 reverse dies, year 1897, have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1309.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic, London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 96 coining dies, declared value M. 800, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1310.

3. To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

*Enclosed I respectfully send a cost statement for 96 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria, in the amount of **M. 876.40**, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment of this sum to the Royal Mint Treasury. The dies have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg.*

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 1311.

Margin: "1 to 3 dispatched 16/9".

Note. *For the Mint in Pretoria the 96 dies listed opposite have been made. They were punched, turned, hardened and ground. The costs amount to:*

Item	Amount
for wages	316.40 M.
material	386.40
upkeep of the tools	70.20
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 10 Pf.	9.60

Item	Amount
96 tin boxes @ 30 Pf.	28.80
wooden crate with zinc lining	5.–
Sum	816.40 [sic; total charged M. 876.40]

B[erlin], 14/9.96. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

The listed items add up to M. 816.40; the letter to the BHG states M. 876.40. One of the figures is probably misread or miswritten.

Page 58 (left) – National Bank, London, to the Royal Prussian Mint Directorate, 19 September 1896 (original in English)

Letterhead as before. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 21 Sep. 1896, Berlin.

London, E.C., 19 Septr. 1896.

Königl. Preussische Münz-Direction, Berlin.

Dear Sirs,

We take note from your esteemed letter of the 16th inst. that by order & for account of our Head Office you have despatched to Messrs. John Suhr in Hamburg a case containing 96 stamps of the value of M 800 to be forwarded to Pretoria S.A.R.

We are, Dear Sirs, Yours obediently, For the NATIONAL BANK of the SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, Ld. [W. ... Thompson?], MANAGER.

Docket: To the files, 21/9.96. C. C. — Journal I. 1336.

Page 58 (right) – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Mint Directorate, 7 August 1897

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 30 Aug. 1897, Berlin. Folio 51.

Pretoria, 7 Aug. 1897.

To the Directorate of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

We herewith ask you for the favour of having the dies listed below made and sent to us as on earlier occasions:

Denomination	Reverse 1898	Obverse
£1	24 pieces	
½	12	£½ 9 pieces
2/6	12	
2/-	18	

Denomination	Reverse 1898	Obverse
1/-	18	
6d	12	
3d	6	
1d	15	
	117 reverse	and 9 pieces obverse

Payment as before through the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

*Thanking you kindly in advance, we commend ourselves to you with all respect, **Dr. T. Stockhausen**, Acting Master.*

— *Journal I. 1025. cf. I. 1379.*

Page 59 – Docket, 30 August 1897; Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 13 November 1897

Docket: 1. To the Royal Mint Works, 2. to Herr Medallist Schultz, for information and execution. 30/8.97. C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 30 Aug. 1897, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Tieke; O. Schultz.

Stamp: Dispatched 13 Nov. 97. Folio 51.

To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that he has made for the Mint in Pretoria

Pieces	Die	Denomination
24	reverse dies	1 Pond
12	"	½
9	obverse dies	½
12	reverse dies	2½ Shilling
18	"	2
18	"	1
12	"	6 Pence
6	"	3
15	"	1 Penny

= 126 dies, and has altered the year on the relevant matrices and patrices to 1898.

Berlin, 13 November 1897. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

— *Journal I. 1379.*

Page 60 – Mint working note, [November 1897]

Folio 52.

*Transvaal year changed to 1898 on: 1 Pond, ½ Pond, 2½ Shillings, 2 Shillings, 1 Shilling, 6 Pence, 3 Pence **and 1 Penny.***

And together 126 dies struck with the above patrices.

Page 61 – Two Mint letters, 18 November 1897 (drafts)

Stamps: Dispatched 18 Nov. 97. Folio 53.

Berlin, 18 Nov. 1897.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic in Pretoria.

I respectfully inform you herewith that the dies ordered under 7 August of this year,

Pieces	Die	Denomination
24	reverse dies	1 Pond
12	"	½
9	obverse dies	½
12	reverse dies	2½ Shilling
18	"	2
18	"	1
12	"	6 Pence
6	"	3
15	"	1 Penny

= 117 reverse dies, year 189[8], and 9 obverse dies, have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport there.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1399.

2. To the National Bank of the South African Republic in London E.C., Cornhill 73.

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 126 coining dies, declared value M. 1310, packed in one crate, have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further transport to Pretoria.

The Mint Director. — Journal I. 1400.

The year in letter 1 is written "1897" in the draft; the order and certificate show the dies were dated 1898.

Pages 62–85 (November 1897 – January 1900)

Page 62 – Mint to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 18 November 1897 (draft), with cost notes

Stamp: Dispatched 18 Nov. Folio 54.

Berlin, 18 Nov. 1897.

3. To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I respectfully send a cost statement for 126 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria, in the amount of **M. 1309.[20?]**, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment of this sum to the Royal Mint Treasury. The dies have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg.

The Mint Director. C. C[onrad]. — Journal I. 1401.

Note. For the Mint in Pretoria the 126 dies listed opposite have been made. They were punched, turned, hardened and ground. The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
for wages	M. 727.60
material	521.60
upkeep of the tools	94.80
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 10 Pf.	12.60
126 tin boxes @ 30 Pf.	37.80
1 wooden crate with zinc lining	7.60
Sum	M. 1402.–

B[erlin], 16/11.97. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Further, for the production of coining dies for 1 and ½ Pond, for 2½, 2 and 1 Shilling, for 6 and 3 Pence and for 1 Penny pieces, **owing to the change of year, 8 reverse matrices and 8 patrices** have been made.

The costs have amounted to: for wages 89.60 M.; material 96.– = 185.60 M.; upkeep of the tools 18.40. **Sum 204 M.**

B[erlin], 16/11.97. Royal Mint Works. All 3 statements (in clean copy) passed on, B[erlin], 18/11.97.

Statement of postage (from 8/2.96 to 18/11.97): for 12 letters, namely 4 @ 40 Pf. = 1.60; 8 @ 20 Pf. = 1.60. **Sum 3.20.**

The figures in the first line of the letter are hard to read; the three statements together (1402 + 204 + 3.20) give M. 1609.20, so the letter may read "1609.20".

Page 63 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Mint Directorate, 27 October 1897

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, P.O.B. 414. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 23 Nov. 1897, Berlin. Folio 55.

Pretoria, 27 October 1897.

To the Directorate of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

*With our respectful letter of 7 August of this year, the coining dies for the Mint here for 1898 were ordered, among them those for **1 Penny pieces (15 dies)**.*

*I take the liberty herewith of asking you whether it would not be possible to send here **about 3 or 4 of these dies**, if they are finished or can be finished quickly, **ahead of the others, as soon as possible, perhaps as a parcel-post package via England**. I would be very grateful to you for this dispatch.*

*Respectfully, most obediently, **F. Kraus**, Mint Director.*

Docket: To the files, 23/11.97. C. C. — Journal I. 1457.

Page 64 – Fritz Kraus to the Royal Prussian Mint Directorate, 4 October 1899

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received [5] Oct. 1899, Berlin. Folio 56. Blue marginal line in the original.

Darmstadt, 4 October 1899.

To the Royal Prussian Mint Directorate, Berlin.

From the National Bank of the South African Republic in Pretoria I have received the telegraphic order to order from you, for the State Mint there,

100 obverse dies for One-Pound pieces (gold) and 100 reverse dies for the same, the latter with the year 1900.

You would oblige me greatly if you would kindly inform me whether you can take these dies into work at once, and perhaps give me the date by which a part of the dies, especially the reverses, could be finished.

As I myself must travel back to Pretoria as soon as possible, may I perhaps respectfully ask for an early, kind reply.

*Respectfully, **Fritz Kraus**, Mint Director in Pretoria, at present in Darmstadt, Heinrichstrasse 51.*

— Journal I. 1400.

Page 65 – Fritz Kraus to the Mint Director, 9 October 1899

Received 10/10.99. Folio 58.

Darmstadt, 9 October 1899.

To the Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

I have received your esteemed letter of the 7th inst. (J. No. I. 1400) and express to you my most sincere thanks for the prompt execution of the dies ordered.

My departure for Pretoria will take place at the end of this month. **As a chemist is also going there, who is to take part of the dies with him**, I would respectfully ask you in good time, i.e. before my departure, to send this part of the dies to the said chemist, and the others, when they are finished, directly to Pretoria. Payment will be made in the same way as before.

Respectfully, **Fritz Kraus**, Mint Director in Pretoria.

Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for information. Berlin, 10 October 1899. The Mint Director, C. Conrad. — Noted, Berlin, 10 Oct. 1899, Royal Mint Works, [signed] Trenkner. — To the files, B[erlin] 11/10.99. — Journal I. 1425.

Faint pencil note at lower right, partly illegible: "[Note: ... dies ... Nov. 99]".

Pages 66–67 (left) – Fritz Kraus to the Mint Director, 17 October 1899

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 18 Oct. 1899, Berlin. Folio 59.

Darmstadt, 17 October 1899.

To the Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

Regarding the dispatch of the dies, I have consulted the Consul for the Transvaal, and **as a result of the war that has now broken out in South Africa, special precautionary measures must be taken**. I hope that you will kindly support me in this.

The chemist who is to take part of the dies with him in his luggage is to take only about 15 to 20 dies, and only reverse dies; the rest I ask you, after completion, to send **with the German East Africa Line via Hamburg to Lourenço Marques (Delagoa Bay)**, namely to the branch there of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. I will notify this branch and ask it to forward the dies to Pretoria.

It would now be very welcome to me if you could make it possible to have **15 to 20 reverse dies finished by 4 November of this year**, because the said chemist **will possibly depart on 8 November with a German steamer along the east coast of Africa, from Naples**.

If this request can be fulfilled, I would most respectfully ask you to send the 15 to 20 reverse dies **by post**, not later than 4 November of this year, if possible somewhat earlier, to the following address of the chemist:

Herr Wilhelm Grimm, Frankfurt am Main, Weissfrauenstrasse 7.

If the dies are not finished, however, the chemist will have to leave 14 days later.

I would be very grateful if you would kindly let me have an answer soon, because I must leave in 8 days.

The rest of the first 100 dies I then ask you kindly to have sent immediately after completion, and the other 100 about 4 weeks later, by the route given above.

With best thanks and most distinguished respect, your most obedient F. Kraus.

— Journal I. 1482.

Kraus's word for Grimm is "Chemiker" (chemist) throughout; Grimm also signs as a chemist (page 70).

Page 67 (right) – Mint Director to F. Kraus, 21 October 1899 (draft)

Folio 60.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 21 October 1899.

To Herr F. Kraus, Darmstadt.

In reply to the letter of the 17th inst.:

In accordance with the wish communicated, 20 reverse dies for 1 Pound will, if possible, be dispatched before 4 November to the chemist Herr Wilh. Grimm, Frankfurt a. M.

The remaining dies will, after completion, be sent as before to Herr John Suhr in Hamburg for further forwarding by the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic in Lourenço Marques.

The costs of the shipments will be collected each time before dispatch from the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft.

C. C[onrad].

Margin: "dispatched [...]". Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for information. [21]/10.99.

Page 68 – F. Kraus to the Mint Director, 22 October 1899

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 23 Oct. 1899, Berlin. Folio 61.

Darmstadt, 22 October 1899.

To the Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

From your esteemed letter of yesterday (J. No. I. 1482) I see with pleasure that you will be able to send the 20 reverse dies for 1 Pd. to the said address before 4 November of this year. I have already notified Herr Grimm of this and express to you my most respectful thanks for the kind and prompt attention.

Respectfully, F. Kraus.

Docket: To the files, 23/10.99. C. C. — Journal I. 1505.

Page 69 – Mint Director to Wilhelm Grimm, 31 October 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 1 Nov. 99. Folio 62.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 31 October 1899.

*At the instance of Mint Director Kraus in Pretoria, I send you in the accompanying crate **20 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces**, for further delivery to the Mint in Pretoria. I request an acknowledgement of receipt.*

C. C[onrad].

To the chemist Herr Wilhelm Grimm, Frankfurt a. Main, Weissfrauenstr. 7.

— Journal I. 1549. Margin: "[Cost] statement".

Page 70 – Wilhelm Grimm to the Mint, 1 November 1899

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 2 Nov. 1899, Berlin. Folio 63.

Frankfurt a. M., 1.11.99.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to address to you the inquiry when I shall come into possession of the promised dies for the Mint at Pretoria. I must leave at the end of this week, and it would be very welcome to me if I were in possession of the dies on Friday. Awaiting your esteemed reply, I remain

*Respectfully, **W. Grimm**, Chemist.*

Docket: To the files, 2/11.99. C. C. — Journal I. 1568.

Page 71 – Two Mint letters, 10 November 1899 (drafts)

Stamps: Dispatched 10 Nov. 99. Folio 64.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 10 Nov. 99.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic in Pretoria.

*I respectfully inform you herewith that, of the 1 Pond dies ordered in October (year 1900), on 1 November **20 reverse dies were sent to the chemist Grimm in Frankfurt a. M.**, and today **30 reverse dies and 50 obverse dies** have been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg for further forwarding with the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. [in Lourenço Marques (Delagoa Bay)].*

2. To the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd., Lourenço Marques (Delagoa Bay) [by the German East Africa Line via Hamburg].

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 80 coining dies intended for the Mint in Pretoria, declared value M. 640, packed in one crate (further as above), [have been dispatched].

The address of letter 2 was first written "National Bank ... London E.C., Cornhill 73" and then struck through and replaced with the Lourenço Marques branch. — Journal I. 1621.

Page 72 – Mint to BHG and to John Suhr, 10 November 1899 (drafts), with cost note

Stamps: Dispatched 10 Nov. 99. Folio 65.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 10 Nov. 1899.

To the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, here.

Enclosed I respectfully send a cost statement for 80 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria, in the amount of M. 639, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment of this sum to the Royal Mint Treasury. The dies have today been sent to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg.

C. C[onrad].

Cost note. *For the Mint in Pretoria 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces have been made, punched, turned, hardened and ground. The costs amount to:*

Item	Amount
for material	282 M.
wages	268
upkeep of the tools	55
coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 0.10 M	8
80 tin boxes with felt lining for packing the dies @ 0.30 M	24
wooden crate with zinc lining	2
Sum	639 M.

B[erlin], 10/11.99. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

The Mint Director. Berlin, 10 Nov. 1899.

To the forwarding agent Herr John Suhr, Hamburg, Brookthorquai 20.

The Royal Mint Works here has today sent you a crate valued at 640 M. containing 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces, intended for the Mint of the South African Republic in Pretoria. I request you to forward the crate by the German East Africa Line to

the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques (Delagoa Bay).

2 certified bills of lading are enclosed.

No notification of the National Bank of the South African Republic in London has been made by the above-mentioned [Mint], and I would ask you to take everything further that is necessary.

— *ad Journal I. 1621.*

Page 73 (left) – Mint certificate of contents, 10 November 1899

The crate sent by the Royal Mint Works here to the forwarding agent Herr John Suhr in Hamburg, of declared value M. 640, contains:

50 obverse and 30 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces of the South African Republic.

Berlin, 10 Nov. 1899. The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

Page 73 (right) – Wilhelm Grimm to Director Conrad, 8 November 1899

Letterhead: Hôtel Hassler, Naples. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 11 Nov. 1899, Berlin. Folio 66.

8 November 1899.

Herrn Director C. Conrad, Berlin.

*I hereby certify to you that **I have received the shipment of the dies in good order.***

*Respectfully, **W. Grimm.***

Docket: To the files, 11/11.99. C. C. — Journal I. 1636.

Page 74 – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to Director Conrad, 16 November 1899 (typewritten)

Letterhead: Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, Berlin W., Behren-Strasse 32. Telegraphic address: Handelschaft. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 17 Nov. 1899, Berlin. Folio 67.

Berlin, 16 November 1899.

Your Honour,

*we have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed letter of 10 November inst., J. No. I 1621. **As no notice of the order for the 80 coining dies had reached us from the Government of the South African Republic,** we turned to the **Legation in Brussels** for further instructions and received from it the information that **it too has no knowledge of the matter, and that at present all communication with Pretoria is interrupted.** The Legation has instructed us to ask you for kind information as to when, by whom and by what route the order for the coining dies intended for Pretoria was placed, and whether delivery has already taken place.*

We address to Your Honour the request kindly to give us the desired information; we will then not fail to pursue the payment.

Respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft. [two signatures]

To the Director of the Royal Mint, Herrn Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

— Journal I. 1687.

Page 75 – Mint Director to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 18 November 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 18 Nov. 99. Folio 68.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 18 Nov. 1899.

*In reply to the esteemed letter of the 16th inst., I respectfully inform you that **the order for 100 obverse and 100 reverse dies for One-Pound pieces (gold) of the South African Republic was placed on 4 October of this year by the Director of the Mint in Pretoria, F. Kraus, who was staying in Darmstadt in October.***

*Enclosing a copy of the letter of the 4th inst. [sic] from Herr Kraus concerning the manufacture and dispatch of the dies, I note at the same time that, as is already known to you, on 1 November the first 20 reverse dies were sent to the chemist W. Grimm in Frankfurt a. M. to take along to Pretoria, who reported receipt of the shipment from **Naples** on the 8th inst.*

The 2nd shipment (50 obverse and 30 reverse dies) went on the 10th inst. to the forwarding agent John Suhr in Hamburg, who has handled the forwarding of the dies for the Mint in Pretoria in earlier years, with the instruction, in accordance with the wish of Mint Director Kraus, to forward the crate with the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques.

The latter and the Mint in Pretoria have been notified of the dispatch of the last shipment. The remaining 100 dies will likewise go via Hamburg for dispatch.

C. C[onrad].

Page 76 – Mint Director to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 1 December 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 1 Dec. 99. Folio 69.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 1 Dec. 1899.

*With reference to the reply to your esteemed letter of the 16th ult. [given on the 18th ult.], in which you wished to have the information on the order for the dies for the Transvaal before paying the cost statement of 10th ult. for 80 already dispatched dies in the amount of **M. 639, and since payment has not yet been received**, I respectfully request you kindly to inform me soon of the state of the matter.*

Should payment still meet with difficulties, I would to my regret be obliged to suspend completion of the further 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies for One-Pound pieces ordered for the Mint in Pretoria.

C. C[onrad].

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here W., Behren-Str. 32.

Several phrases are struck through in the draft. — Journal I. 1861.

Page 77 – Mint Director to John Suhr, 18 December 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 19 Dec. 99. Folio 70.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 18 Dec. 1899.

With reference to my letter of the 10th ult., l. 1621, with which 2 certified bills of lading were sent to you for a crate dispatched to you by the Royal Mint Works on the same day, containing 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces for the Mint in Pretoria, I respectfully request you kindly to inform me **when and by what route the forwarding of the crate has taken place.**

C. C[onrad].

To the forwarding agent Herr John Suhr, Hamburg, Brookthorquai 20.

— Journal I. 1976.

Page 78 – Suhr & Classen to the Director of the Royal Mint, 20 December 1899

Letterhead: Suhr & Classen, ship brokers. Commission, forwarding & insurance. Telegraphic address: "Carolus" – Hamburg. Reichsbank giro account. General agency of: Compañía Marítima (formerly J. Roca y Cia.), Barcelona; Union Steam Ship Company Ltd. (direct passenger steamers Hamburg to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal and Delagoa Bay [Transvaal]); Orient Line of Steam Ships; La Bética, Seville; Robert MacAndrew & Co., John Hall junr. & Co., John Swire & Sons, London. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 21 Dec. 1899, Berlin. Folio 71.

Hamburg, 20 Dec. 1899.

To the Director of the Royal Mint, Berlin.

In polite reply to your esteemed letter of the 18th inst., we most respectfully inform you that **the crate with 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies sent to us on the 10th ult. is still in our warehouse**, since, according to a communication from the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd., London, **in consequence of the present circumstances all connection with the Transvaal is interrupted**, and we are to await further instructions from the above branch or from the head office.

Respectfully, **Suhr & Classen**, formerly firm John Suhr.

Docket: To the files, 21/12.99. C. C. — Journal I. 2000.

Page 79 – Mint Director to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 22 December 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 22 Dec. 99. Folio 72.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 22 Dec. 1899.

*Enclosed I respectfully send you a cost statement for **100 coining dies made for the Mint in Pretoria, which have been ready for dispatch for some time**, in the amount of **M. 800.40**, with the respectful request kindly to arrange payment of this sum to the Royal Mint Treasury.*

The dispatch of the dies to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg will take place immediately after payment has been made.

C. C[onrad].

To the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, here.

— *Journal I. 2012.*

Page 80 (left) – Cost note, 22 December 1899

The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
1. for wages	335 M.
2. for material	352.50 = 687.50 M.
3. for upkeep of the tools	68.50
	756.– M.
for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 0.10 M	10.–
for 100 tin boxes with felt lining for packing the dies @ 0.30 M	30.–
1 crate with zinc lining	2.–
	798 M.

Postage costs have arisen and were paid out for registered letters, namely: 2 letters to the Mint in Pretoria @ 40 Pf. = 80 Pf.; 2 to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic in Lourenço Marques @ 40 Pf. = 80; 2 to John Suhr in Hamburg @ 40 Pf. = 80 → 2.40 M.

Total M. 800.40.

B[erlin], 22/12.99. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Page 80 (right) – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to Director Conrad, 23 December 1899 (typewritten)

Letterhead: Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, Berlin W., Behren-Strasse 32. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 25 Dec. 1899, Berlin. Folio 73.

Berlin, 23 December 1899.

Your Honour,

we confirm receipt of your esteemed letter of 22 December inst., J. No. 2012 I, together with cost statement, with the request kindly to inform us also **by whom and when the dies were ordered.**

Respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft. [two signatures]

To the Royal Mint Director Herrn Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

— Journal I. 2039.

Pages 80–81 – Mint Director to the Berliner Handelsgesellschaft, 28 December 1899 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 29 Dec. 99. Written below the BHG letter and continued on a separate sheet (folio 74).

The Mint Director. Berlin, 28.12.99.

In reply to the esteemed letter of the 23rd inst., I respectfully inform you, with reference to my letter of the 18th ult. dealing with the same matter, that **the order for 100 obverse and 100 reverse dies for One-Pound pieces (gold) of the South African Republic was placed on 4 October of this year by the Director of the Mint in Pretoria, F. Kraus, who was staying in Darmstadt in October.** A copy of the letters of Herr Kraus concerning the order and dispatch of these 200 dies reached you with my letter of the 18th ult.

It was further stated in that letter that the first 20 reverse dies had been sent to the chemist W. Grimm in Frankfurt a. M. to take along to Pretoria, and a further 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies to the forwarding agent John Suhr (now Suhr & Classen) in Hamburg for further forwarding to the address given by Herr Kraus. According to the final sentence of my above-mentioned letter of the 18th ult., the remaining 100 dies were likewise to go via Hamburg for dispatch, and in the last sentence of my letter of the 1st inst. it was stated that, **should the payment of the costs for the last-dispatched 80 dies meet with difficulties, the completion of the further 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies ordered for the Mint in Pretoria would have to be suspended.**

The statement of the costs for these dies, which were already finished and ready for dispatch, was contained in my letter of the 22nd inst., and **I repeat my request for kind early arrangement of payment.**

C. C[onrad].

Page 82 – Mint certificate for Medallist Schultz, 11 January 1900

Stamp: Dispatched 12 Jan. 00. Folio 75.

*To Herr Medallist Schultz it is hereby certified that **he has altered the year on the reverse of the One-Pound pieces for the Mint in Pretoria (Transvaal) to 1900, and made 100 obverse and 100 reverse of these dies.***

Berlin, 11 January 1900 [first written "[...] November 1899", struck through]. (L.S.) The Director of the Royal Prussian Mints. C. C[onrad].

— Journal I. 68 [replacing a struck-through earlier number].

Page 83 – Note by Medallist Schultz, 29 November 1899

Folio 76.

*For Transvaal, on the reverse of the 1 Pond pieces, altered the year to 1900 and made **100 obverse and 100 reverse of these dies.***

O. Schultz. 29 November 99.

— ad Journal I. 68.

Page 84 – Mint Director to Suhr & Classen, 18 January 1900 (draft), with certificate of contents

Folio 77.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 18 January 1900.

*The Royal Mint Works has today sent you a crate valued at M. 800 with **50 obverse and 50 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces**, intended for the Mint of the South African Republic in Pretoria. I request you to forward the crate with the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques.*

2 certified bills of lading are enclosed.

***The National Bank of the South African Republic in London has again not been notified by us this time**, and I must leave everything further that is necessary to you.*

To the forwarding agents Messrs. Suhr & Classen, Hamburg.

Stamp: Dispatched 18 Jan. 00.

The crate sent today by the Royal Mint Works here to the forwarding agents Messrs. Suhr & Classen in Hamburg, of declared value M. 800, contains:

50 obverse and 50 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces of the South African Republic.

Berlin, 18 January 1900. The Mint Director. C. C[onrad].

— Journal I. 119.

Page 85 – Two Mint letters, 18 January 1900 (drafts)

Stamps: Dispatched 19 Jan. 00. Folio 78.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 18 January 1900.

1. To the Mint of the South African Republic in Pretoria.

*I respectfully inform you herewith that today **the rest of the 1 Pond dies ordered in October of last year, namely 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies each**, [have been sent to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg for further forwarding with the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques].*

2. To the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques, Delagoa Bay [by the German East Africa Line via Hamburg].

I respectfully inform you herewith that today 100 coining dies intended for the Mint in Pretoria, of declared value M. 800, packed in one crate, (further as above).

— *ad Journal I. 119.*

Pages 86–110 (January – April 1900)

Page 86 – SAR Consul-General to Director Conrad, 21 January 1900

Seal: Consulaat-Generaal van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek te Berlijn. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 22 Jan. 1900, Berlin. Folio 79.

Berlin, 21 January 1900.

Your Honour,

*I have the honour to inform you that **the Director of the Mint in Pretoria, Herr Fritz Kraus, according to a communication just received by me from the Legation in Brussels, has been dismissed from his position. I therefore ask you to accept no more orders from Herr Kraus and also to send no more shipments to his address.***

With the greatest respect, [Winterfeldt], Consul-General.

To the Royal Mint Director Herrn Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

Docket: To the files, 22/1.1900. C. C. — Journal I. 135.

Page 87 – SAR Vice-Consul Gustav Ahrens to the Royal Mint, 1 February 1900

Seal: Vice-Consulaat der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek te Berlijn. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 2 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 80.

Berlin, 1 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint, here.

*On behalf of the Legation of the South African Republic, I take the liberty of addressing to you the polite request **not to have the coining dies ordered by the Government of the South African Republic sent directly to Pretoria, but, if they should already be finished, to deliver them to the Envoy, Herr Dr. W. J. Leyds, Exc., at present staying here at the Palast Hotel.** Should completion be delayed by a few days, kindly have the dies addressed to **the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels, Rue de Livourne No. 8.** I ask for kind early notice of the manner in which the matter is being dealt with.*

*Respectfully, For the Consul-General of the South African Republic, **Gustav Ahrens**, Vice-Consul.*

— *Journal I. 220.*

Page 88 – Mint Director to Vice-Consul Ahrens, 2 February 1900 (draft)

Folio 81.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 2 Feb. 1900.

*To Your Honour I respectfully inform you, in reply to the esteemed letter of the 1st inst., that **the matter concerning the coining dies for the Mint in Pretoria has already been settled.***

Already on 28 December of last year the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft was requested, with a detailed account of the circumstances, to pay the production costs for the remaining 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies, which were then already ready for dispatch.

***After payment had been made by the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft on 15 January, the dies were sent on 18 January in a crate, insured for M. 800, as before to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg** for further forwarding with the German East Africa Line to the branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic Ltd. in Lourenço Marques, with the note that they are intended for the Mint in Pretoria. The said branch and the Mint in Pretoria have been notified accordingly.*

C. C[onrad].

To the Vice-Consul of the South African Republic, Herr Gustav Ahrens, here.

— *ad Journal I. 220.*

Page 89 – Mint telegram to Suhr & Classen, 3 February 1900

Folio 82.

To Suhr & Classen, "Carolus", Hamburg.

Request do not dispatch Transvaal dies, or have them stopped by telegraph via German East Africa Line and returned.

Mint Directorate.

Note: "dispatched 3/2.1900, 12 [noon]". — Journal I. 227.

Pages 90–91 (left) – SAR Consul-General to the Royal Mint, 5 February 1900

Seal: Consulaat-Generaal van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek te Berlijn. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 5 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 83.

Berlin, 5 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint, here.

On behalf of the Envoy of the South African Republic, I hereby request you for the earliest possible production of

80 reverse dies and 80 obverse dies for One-Pound Transvaal coinage, with the date 1900, and 25 matching collars.

I ask you to collect the amount of the production costs from the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft.

I ask for kind notice of when I can expect completion, in order to be able to make arrangements regarding dispatch.

The shipment kindly stopped by telegraph on the 3rd inst. you will please have delivered in Naples to the Consul of the South African Republic, Herr A. Kellner, Via Primo Pilliero [?] 1.

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Justizrat and Consul-General of the South African Republic.

Docket: To the Royal Mint Works for information, execution and report on the time required to produce the dies. 7/2.1900. C. Conrad.

Page 91 – Royal Mint Works report, 10 February 1900, with dockets

*With the present heavy workload, and in particular because of the much hand-work which these dies require, **about 10–12 weeks will pass before delivery can take place** unless special hindrances occur. If the present works were to make faster delivery impossible, it would have to be [arranged otherwise].*

The 25 collars ordered would best be ordered, as earlier, from the firm Ludwig Loewe & Co. itself, since at the Mint there are no models and also no tools for casting them.
The collars supplied earlier were turned, ground, hardened and bored in the Mint workshops; the remaining work, however, was only done by the said firm, which also possesses the matching models.

Berlin, 10 February 1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke.

Docket: *Returned to the Royal Mint Works with the instruction to place the order for the collars with L. Loewe & Co. and to undertake their finishing. 12/2.1900. C. Conrad.*

Note: *The 25 collars have been ordered from the said firm by letter of today. Berlin, 13 February 1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke.*

Pages 92–93 (left) – Mint Director to Consul-General Winterfeldt, 5 February 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 5 Feb. 00. Folio 85.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 5 Feb. 1900.

*In reply to the esteemed letter of today I respectfully inform you that **of the 100 obverse and 100 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces ordered on 4 October of last year by the Director of the Mint in Pretoria, Kraus, 20 reverse dies were sent on 1 November to the chemist W. Grimm in Frankfurt a. M. to take along to Pretoria.** A further 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies were handed on 10 November of last year, and the last 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies on 18 January of this year, to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg.*

*According to the enclosed letter of Suhr & Classen of the 3rd inst., received today after [the telegram sent on that day], both last-mentioned shipments, thus in all **100 obverse and 80 reverse dies for 1 Pond pieces (Transvaal)**, are still in Hamburg, and I therefore ask whether these dies should remain in storage with the said forwarding agents in Hamburg or be sent back here.*

With regard to these finished 100 obverse and 80 reverse dies, it is also questionable whether the new order of today for 80 reverse and 80 obverse dies for 1 Pound pieces should be maintained, and I ask for a kind statement on this.

Meanwhile, the 25 collars ordered are to be put into work and the 160 dies into preparation.

To the Justizrat and Consul-General of the South African Republic, Herr Winterfeldt, Hochwohlgeboren.

— *ad Journal I. 238.*

Pages 93 (right)–95 – Suhr & Classen to the Royal Prussian Mint Directorate, 3 February 1900

Letterhead: Suhr & Classen, ship brokers (as on page 78). Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 5 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 86.

Hamburg, 3 February 1900.

To the Royal Prussian Mint Directorate, Berlin.

We have received your esteemed telegram of today:

"Request do not dispatch Transvaal dies, or have them stopped by telegraph via German East Africa Line and returned."

*and are glad to be able to inform you that **the two shipments of coining dies sent to us are both still in our warehouse.***

In both cases the London branch of the National Bank of the South African Republic, at our inquiry, had instructed us to hold back the dispatch provisionally, as it lacked any instruction on this from its head office in Pretoria.

If you wish us to return the two crates to you by post, please let us know; otherwise we are ready to keep them in our warehouse.

*Respectfully, **Suhr & Classen.***

— Journal I. 239. cf. I. 284.

Page 94 repeats the end of the Mint letter of 5 February and the start of the Suhr & Classen letter of 3 February (translated above). Page 95 ends that letter: "... otherwise we are ready to keep them in our warehouse."

Page 96 – Fritz Kraus to the Mint Director, 3 February 1900

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 5 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 88.

Darmstadt, 3 February 1900.

To the Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

*Having arrived back here a few days ago from Cape Town without having reached Pretoria, I ask you kindly to inform me **whether the 200 dies for 1 Pd. pieces ordered by me in October 1899 for the Mint in Pretoria have gone there and whether the invoice for them has been paid.***

*Respectfully, **Fritz Kraus**, Mint Director, Pretoria, at present Darmstadt, Heinrichstr. 51.*

— Journal I. 240.

Page 97 (left) – Mint Director to Fritz Kraus, 6 February 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 6 Feb. 00.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 6 Feb. 1900.

*With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst., I inform you that **I have been requested by the Consul-General of the South African Republic to accept no more orders from you and also to send no more shipments to your address. I am therefore not in a position to reply to the questions put.***

C. C[onrad].

To Herr Fritz Kraus, Darmstadt, Heinrichstr. 51.

Page 97 (right) – SAR Consul-General to the Royal Mint Directorate, 6 February 1900 (typewritten)

Seal: Consulaat-Generaal van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek te Berlijn. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 7 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 89.

Berlin, 6 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint Directorate, here C.

I have received your esteemed letter of 5 February inst. and **maintain my request of yesterday concerning the production of 80 obverse and 80 reverse dies each for One-Pound pieces of the Transvaal**, asking for kind notice of approximately how much time the production may take.

I return to you enclosed, with best thanks, the letter of the firm Suhr & Classen; I will come back to its contents after consulting Herr Dr. Leyds.

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Justizrat, Consul-General of the South African Rep.

— Journal I. 264.

Page 98 – Mint Director to Consul-General Winterfeldt, 12 February 1900 (draft)

Folio 90.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 12 Feb. 1900.

In reply to the esteemed letter of the 6th inst., I inform you that **the completion of the ordered 80 obverse and 80 reverse dies each for 1 Pound pieces for the Transvaal, together with 25 collars, will, with the present heavy demands on our works, require about 10–12 weeks.**

C. C[onrad].

To the Consul-General of the South African Republic, Herr Justizrat Winterfeldt, Hochwohlgeboren.

— ad Journal I. 238 (264).

Page 99 – SAR Consul-General to the Royal Mint Directorate, 10 February 1900 (typewritten)

Seal of the Consulate-General. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 12 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 91.

Berlin, 10 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint Directorate, here C.

With reference to my letter of 6 February inst., I have the honour most politely to inform you that **I have instructed Messrs. Suhr & Classen in Hamburg to send the dies still with them to the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels.**

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Justizrat, Consul-General of the South African Republic.

Docket: To the files, 12/2.1900. C. C. — Journal I. 284.

Page 100 – Suhr & Classen to the Royal Mint Directorate, 12 February 1900

Letterhead: Suhr & Classen (as before). Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 13 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 92.

Hamburg, 12 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint Directorate, Berlin.

*Concerning the **2 crates of coining dies for the National Bank** stored here, we take the liberty of informing you that **we received today from Herr Justizrat Winterfeldt, Consul-General of the South African Republic there, the order to send the packages to His Excellency Herr Dr. Leyds in Brussels**, and we ask you to declare your consent to this order.*

*Respectfully, **Suhr & Classen.***

***Reply draft:** The Mint Director. B[erlin], 13/2.1900. **I declare my agreement with the dispatch of the 2 crates of coining dies for the Transvaal lying with you to His Excellency Herr Dr. Leyds in Brussels.** (Telegraphed.) C. C.*

— *Journal I. 296.*

Page 101 – SAR Consul-General to Director Conrad, 13 February 1900

Seal of the Consulate-General. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 14 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 93.

Berlin, 13 February 1900.

Highly esteemed Herr Mint Director!

***The Envoy of the South African Republic, Herr Dr. Leyds, has instructed me to direct the coining dies still lying with Messrs. Suhr & Classen in Hamburg to Brussels.** I have asked Messrs. Suhr & Classen for the dispatch in question, but these gentlemen have quite correctly made the dispatch dependent on your consent. I therefore ask you to grant permission for the dispatch to Brussels.*

With the greatest respect, [Winterfeldt], Consul-General.

To the Royal Mint Director C. Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

— *Journal I. 303.*

Page 102 (left) – Mint Director to Consul-General Winterfeldt, 14 February 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 15 Feb. 00.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 14 Feb. 1900.

In reply to the esteemed letter of the 13th inst., I respectfully inform you that **I already yesterday sent Messrs. Suhr & Classen in Hamburg my declaration of consent to forward the Transvaal dies to Brussels.**

C. C[onrad].

Page 102 (right) – SAR Consul-General to Director Conrad, 14 February 1900, with dockets

Seal of the Consulate-General. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 15 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 94.

Berlin, 14 February 1900.

*I have the honour to confirm to you receipt of your esteemed letter of the 12th inst., J. No. I 238, with the respectful remark that **I have informed the Legation in Brussels of its contents and have asked it whether, under these circumstances, the order should be maintained.** I reserve the right to notify you of this in a few days.*

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Consul-General.

To the Royal Mint Director Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

Docket: *To the Royal Mint Works with the instruction **to suspend the work on the production of the 80 reverse and 80 obverse dies for One-Pound pieces ordered for the Transvaal** for the time being. 15/2.1900. C. Conrad.*

Reply: *The work will be stopped until a decision is made. Berlin, 15/2.1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke.*

— *Journal I. 309.*

Page 103 – Ludw. Loewe & Co. to the Royal Mint Works, 15 February 1900 (typewritten)

Letterhead: Ludw. Loewe & Co., Actiengesellschaft, Berlin N.W., Huttenstr. 17/20. Ref. Sg. 26219. Received 16/2.1900. Folio 95.

Berlin N.W., 15 February 00.

To the Royal Mint Works, Berlin.

*We acknowledge receipt of your highly esteemed letter of the 12th inst., but **to our lively regret are not in a position to execute the kind order for the 25 cast-steel collars. Some time ago we entirely gave up the construction of coining machines and associated apparatus and transferred it to the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe, which are associated with us.***

We now politely ask for kind notice whether you agree to our passing your esteemed order to the said firm for direct execution.

We obtain our carborundum wheels from the "Centralbureau für Carborundum", Vienna.

Always glad to be of service, we sign with excellent respect, LUDW. LOEWE & CO., Actiengesellschaft. [two signatures]

— *Journal I. 317a.*

Page 104 (left) – Mint Director to Ludw. Loewe & Co., 27 February 1900 (draft)

Note: "dispatched 28/2".

The Mint Director. B[erlin], 27/2.1900.

*In reply to the esteemed letter of the 15th inst. to the Royal Mint Works (Sg. 26219), I inform you that **I request you kindly to pass on the order here for 25 cast-steel collars to the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe for direct execution.***

C. C[onrad].

Page 104 (right) – Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft to Director Conrad, 26 February 1900

Letterhead: Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, Berlin W., Behren-Strasse 32. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 27 Feb. 1900, Berlin. Folio 96.

Berlin, 26 February 1900.

To the Royal Mint Director Herrn Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, here.

We hereby have the honour to place the dies listed in your letter of 5 February inst. definitively on order, with the polite request to be mindful of the speediest possible completion.

Respectfully, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft. [two signatures]

Docket: *To the Royal Mint Works for information and execution. 27/2.1900. C. Conrad.*

Noted. *Berlin, 27/2.1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke. (Underlined in blue: "80 obverse and 80 reverse dies @ 1 Pound Transvaal, d[ated] 1900; 25 collars.")*

— Journal I. 375.

Page 105 – Mint Director to the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, 13 March 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 23 Mar. 00. Folio 97.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 13 March 1900.

After the firm L. Loewe & Co. here had declared to me that it could not execute an order from here for 25 cast-steel collars [for 1 Pound pieces (Transvaal)], because it had entirely given up the construction of coining machines and associated apparatus and transferred it to the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe associated with it, we requested the said firm, according to its proposal, on the 27th ult. to pass the above order on to you for speediest execution.

*As no further news about the matter has since reached me, I ask you for a kind statement **whether the 25 cast-steel collars have been ordered from you and when their delivery may be expected.***

C. C[onrad].

To the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, Karlsruhe.

— Journal I. 545.

Page 106 – Docket on the DWM letter of 29 March 1900

Folio 98.

*To the Royal Mint Works for information and with the instruction, **in future similar orders, to inform me of interim communications and agreements such as were made in the present matter.** 31/3.1900. C. Conrad.*

*Noted (2 interim communications enclosed). Berlin, 31/3.1900. Royal Mint Works.
Trenkner. Tieke. To the files, 2/4.1900. C. C.*

— Journal I. 609.

Page 107 (left) – Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken to Director Conrad, 29 March 1900 (typewritten)

Letterhead: Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, Berlin-Karlsruhe. Giro account at the Reichsbank. Telegraphic address: Patronenfabrik Karlsruhe Baden. J.-No. 7123. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 31 Mar. 1900, Berlin.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 29 March 1900.

To Herrn C. Conrad, Royal Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

*In polite reply to your esteemed letter of the 23rd inst. (J. No. I. 545), we most respectfully inform you that **we had already on the 8th inst. confirmed to the Royal Mint Works there the order for 25 cast-steel collars passed to us through the agency of the firm Ludw. Loewe & Co. in Berlin**, and, after obtaining some further information on the exact dimensions of the coin to be produced, notified the said authority on the 13th inst. that we would now execute the collars in the manner indicated.*

Completion of the rings has now progressed so far that they will be dispatched at the end of this week.

Respectfully, DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Platz] [Simon]

Page 107 (right) – DWM to the Royal Mint Works, 8 March 1900, with reply of 10 March

J.-No. 5086. Folio 99.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 8 March 1900.

To the Royal Mint Works, Berlin.

*From the firm Ludw. Loewe & Co. in Berlin **your esteemed order of the 12th ult. for 25 cast-steel collars for the Mint in Pretoria** has been transferred to us for execution, and we have taken note of it with most obliging thanks.*

As, however, we have not yet supplied such rings for the 1 Pond pieces in question, we respectfully ask you kindly to give us the exact dimensions of the coin.

Respectfully, DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Platz] [Simon]

***Reply (handwritten below):** Berlin, 10 March 1900. In consequence of the esteemed letter of the 8th inst., we take the liberty of asking you to deliver the ordered collars exactly according to the enclosed model, with a central bore of 19 millimetres diameter. [The finishing to the exact coin diameter] will be done here. Respectfully, Royal Mint Works. [initials]*

— ad Journal I. 609.

Page 108 – DWM to the Royal Mint Works, 13 March 1900 (typewritten)

J.-No. 6037. Reply to your letter of the 10th inst. Folio 100.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 13 March 1900.

To the Royal Mint Works, Berlin.

*In possession of your esteemed letter of the 10th inst., we express to you our most obliging thanks for the information given to us, and **will now execute the 25 collars ordered in the manner indicated.***

Respectfully, DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Platz] [Simon]

— ad Journal I. 609.

Page 109 shows the same letters again, seen through the paper.

Page 110 (left) – DWM to the Royal Mint Works, 2 April 1900 (typewritten)

J.-No. 8000. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 4 Apr. 1900, Berlin. Folio 101.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 2 April 1900.

To the Royal Mint Works, Berlin.

*We have the honour hereby to give the Royal Mint Works the respectful information that, in accordance with your esteemed order of 12 February of this year and letter of the 10th ult., **we sent the day before yesterday by rail, unfranked as freight:***

1 crate marked DW&M No. 381, gross 32 kg, containing: 25 cast-steel collars for 1 Pond pieces, pre-machined, with a central bore of 19 mm.

We will take the liberty of submitting the invoice for this in the next few days, and sign meanwhile

Respectfully! DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Hanger?] [Platz]

***Note:** Journ. No. 410. To the Royal Mint Director, submitted. Berlin, 4/4.1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke. To the files, 5/4.1900. C. C. — Journal I. 639.*

Page 110 (right) – Royal Mint Works to the Mint Director, 6 April 1900, with reply

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 6 Apr. 1900, Berlin. Folio 102.

Royal Mint Works. Berlin, 6 April 1900. Journ. No. 413.

Subject: Delivery of collars for the Mint in Pretoria.

*With regard to the delivery of collars for the Mint in Pretoria, we take the liberty of reporting that **the 25 collars ordered from the firm "Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken Berlin-Karlsruhe" have arrived here today.** We will send them back to the said firm in due course, after finishing, for hardening.*

Trenkner. Tieke.

To the Herr Mint Director, here.

Reply draft: *The Mint Director. Berlin, 9 April 1900. To the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken, Karlsruhe. The undersigned respectfully requests kind information [on the following matter], in order to be able to establish **whether the collars supplied by you are to be hardened in your works [after finishing].** C. C[onrad].*

— *Journal I. 649.*

Pages 111–134 (March – November 1900)

Pages 111–112 – Staatsmunt Pretoria to the Royal Mint, 9 March 1900

Letterhead: Staatsmunt, Bus 414, Pretoria. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 11 Apr. 1900, Berlin. Folios 103–104.

Pretoria, 9 March 1900.

To the Royal Mint in Berlin.

Dear Herr Director!

*With reference to your esteemed letters of 11 November 1899 and 18 January 1900, we respectfully inform you that **the coining dies named therein have not arrived.***

***Since also in Lourenço Marques no dies have arrived up to now, except those which were handed to Herr Grimm, we come to the conclusion that they either never left Hamburg or were seized in an English port.** We would therefore be very obliged if you would make inquiries for us about the reason for the non-arrival of the dies. We are addressing a letter on this matter also to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg.*

*Respectfully, **[J. Perrin?]**, Acting Mint Director.*

— *Journal I. 703.*

Pages 113–114 (left) – Mint Director to the Staatsmunt Pretoria, 23 April 1900 (draft)

Note: "dispatched 25/4". Folio 105.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 23 April 1900.

*In reply to the esteemed letter of the 9th ult., I inform you that **of the 100 obverse and 100 reverse dies for One-Pound pieces of the South African Republic ordered in October 1899, the first 20 reverse dies were sent on 1/11.1899 to the chemist Grimm in Frankfurt a. M. and, as you report, arrived in Lourenço Marques.** In accordance with the instructions given, there were further sent to the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg:*

- 50 obverse and 30 reverse dies on 10/11.1899, and
- 50 obverse and 50 reverse dies on 18/1.1900,
- = 100 obverse and 80 reverse dies, for forwarding to Lourenço Marques.

After a longer storage of these dies in Hamburg, which was caused by the political circumstances, they were sent by the said forwarding agents, at the instance of the Consul-General of the South African Republic here, in mid-February of this year to the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels.

In February of this year, a further 80 reverse and 80 obverse dies for One-Pound pieces, as well as 25 matching collars, were ordered by the Consulate-General here. Dies and rings will be finished towards the end of this month and sent to the address which the Legation in Brussels or the Consulate-General here will give.

C. C[onrad].

To the Staatsmunt, Pretoria.

— ad Journal I. 703.

Pages 114–116 – Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken to Director Conrad, 12 April 1900 (typewritten)

J.-No. 8850. Reply to your letter of the 9th inst. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 14 Apr. 1900, Berlin. Folio 106. Enclosure: 1 drawing.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 12 April 1900.

To Herrn C. Conrad, Royal Mint Director, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

*To your esteemed letter of the 9th inst. (J. No. I. 649) we respectfully reply that **we delivered the collars pre-machined to the red dimensions entered in the enclosed drawing No. 12931,** in accordance with the order letters of the Royal Mint Works of 12 February and 10 March of this year, in which it is stated that the rings would be returned and ground at the Mint, and that the further working, as well as the exact production of the coin diameter, would be carried out by the Mint. **We therefore regret that we cannot send you the desired sheet gauge.***

The black bracketed dimensions entered in the drawing apply to the finished state.

Respectfully, DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Platz] [Simon]

Docket: *To the Royal Mint Works, with enclosure, for information. 17/4.1900. C. Conrad.
— Noted. Berlin, 17/4.1900. Royal Mint Works. Trenkner. Tieke. — To the files,
20/4.1900. C. C.*

— Journal I. 706.

Pages 116–117 (right) – Mint Director to DWM Karlsruhe, 30 April 1900 (draft)

Note: "dispatched 30/4". Folio 108.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 30 April 1900.

*With reference to the final sentence of your esteemed letter of the 2nd inst., I request
you **kindly to send in promptly the invoice for the 25 cast-steel collars for 1 Pond pieces
supplied.***

C. C[onrad].

To the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe.

Page 117 also shows the folded paper envelope (folio 107) that held the drawing.

Page 118 – Technical drawing: collar for the coining press, 11 April 1900

*Coloured drawing on tracing paper. Stamp: Deutsche Waffen- u. Munitionsfabriken, Karlsruhe (Baden),
[initials] 11/4.00. Drawing number L 73 Z 12931.*

Prägering – Guß-Stahl (Coining collar – cast steel)

Prägewerk (Coining press)

Dimensions on the drawing, in millimetres. Red figures are the pre-machined size as delivered; black figures in brackets are the finished size after working at the Mint:

Feature	As delivered (red)	Finished (black, bracketed)
Outer diameter	107	(104)
Diameter of the raised step	79	(76)
Diameter of the inner recess	51	(54)
Central bore	19	–
Total thickness	21	(18)
Thickness of the two steps	11 and 10	(9) and (9)
Depth of the bore sections	12 and 9	(11 and 7?)

The section on the right shows a stepped ring with a conical recess around the 19 mm central bore.

Page 119 – Back of the drawing

Enclosure to the letter of 12/4.1900 to Herrn C. Conrad, Royal Mint Director, Berlin.

(Small label on the reverse of the drawing.)

Page 120 – Mint Director to DWM Karlsruhe, 30 April 1900 (draft, complete)

Note: "dispatched 30/4". Folio 108.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 30 April 1900.

*With reference to the final sentence of your esteemed letter of the 2nd inst., I request you **kindly to send in promptly the invoice for the 25 cast-steel collars for 1 Pond pieces supplied.***

C. C[onrad].

To the Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe.

— Journal I. 787.

Page 121 – Otto Schultz to the Mint, 30 April 1900, with reply

Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 1 May 1900, Berlin. Folio 109.

I request a certificate that I have made for the Mint in Transvaal 80 pieces obverse and 80 pieces reverse of the 1 Pond pieces.

***Otto Schultz**, Royal Mint Medallist. Berlin, 30 April 1900.*

***Reply:** Herr Mint Medallist Schultz has received the requested certificate. 30/4.1900. C. C. (Margin: "dispatched 1/5".)*

— Journal I. 801. ad I. 68/1900.

Page 122–123 (left) – Deutsche Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken to Director Conrad, 3 May 1900 (typewritten)

J.-No. 10836. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 5 May 1900, Berlin. Folio 110. Enclosure: 1 invoice.

Karlsruhe, Baden, 3 May 1900.

To the Royal Mint Director Herrn C. Conrad, Hochwohlgeboren, Berlin.

We hereby confirm receipt of your esteemed letter of the 30th ult. (J. No. I. 787) and hand you enclosed the requested invoice in the amount of

M. 180.–

for the 25 cast-steel collars for 1 Pond pieces delivered to you.

Respectfully! DEUTSCHE WAFFEN- UND MUNITIONSFABRIKEN. [Hanger] pp. [Weisse]

— Journal I. 847. ad I. 849.

Page 123 (right) – Mint Director to Consul-General Winterfeldt, 8 May 1900 (draft)

Note: "dispatched 9/5". Margin: "paid 25 May 1900". Folio 111.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 8 May 1900.

*With reference to the esteemed letter of 26 [corrected from 5] February of this year, I inform you that **the ordered 80 reverse and obverse dies for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal), together with 25 matching collars, have been completed.** Enclosing the cost statement in the amount of **M. 1698.15** for kind early payment, I request at the same time **notice of the address to which, and the route by which, the above objects are to be dispatched.***

C. C[onrad].

To the Justizrat and Consul-General of the South African Republic, Herr Winterfeldt, Hochwohlgeboren.

— Journal I. 849.

Page 124 (left) – Cost statement, 7 May 1900

C[ost] L[iquidation].

*For the Mint in Pretoria there have been made **80 obverse dies, 80 reverse dies and 25 collars for 1 Pond pieces.***

The costs amount to:

Item	Amount
1. for wages	686.— M.
2. for material	794.—
3. for upkeep of the tools	148.—
4. for coating the dies with lacquer, wadding and shirting @ 0.10 M	16.—
5. for 160 tin boxes with felt lining for packing the dies @ 0.30 M	48.—
6. for 2 wooden crates with zinc lining	5.—
further, 7. for a telegram sent to Hamburg on 3 February 1900	1.15
Sum	1698.15 M.

B[erlin], 7/5.1900. Royal Mint Works. [initials]

Marginal note: The collars supplied by the Waffen- und Munitionsfabriken in Karlsruhe for M. 180 are included in item 1 [?] at their cost. K[linge].

Page 124 (right) – National Bank, Lourenço Marques, to Director Conrad, 28 March 1900 (original in English)

Letterhead: *De Nationale Bank der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek Beperkt*. All letters to be addressed "To the Manager". Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 20 Aug. 1900, Berlin. Folio 112.

Lourenço Marques, 28th March 1900.

C. Conrad Esq., Berlin.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of the 18th January advising that you had handed over to the Shipping Agents one case containing Coining Stamps to be forwarded to us. **As the case has not up to the present reached us, and as we have not received the relative shipping documents, we would be glad to hear from you further on the subject.**

Yours faithfully, [signature], Manager.

— Journal I. 1457.

Page 125 is a repeat scan of page 124.

Page 126 (left) – Mint Director to the National Bank, Lourenço Marques, 4 September 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 5 Sep. 00.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 4 Sept. 1900.

To the National Bank of the South African Republic, Lourenço Marques.

In reply to the esteemed letter of 28 March of this year, **received only on 20 August**, I respectfully inform you that **the 100 dies for the Mint in Pretoria announced in my letter of 18 January of this year were, at the instance of the Consul-General of the South African Republic here, sent in mid-February of this year by the forwarding agents Suhr & Classen in Hamburg, who had stored the dies until then, to the Legation of the S.A. Republic in Brussels.**

C. C[onrad].

Page 126 (right) – Mint Director to Consul-General Winterfeldt, 1 October 1900 (draft)

Stamp: Dispatched 3 Oct. 00. Folio 113.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 1 October 1900.

With reference to my letter of 8 May of this year (I. 849), I request you for kind information **whether any decision has meanwhile been made about the dispatch of the**

80 reverse and 80 obverse dies each for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal), together with 25 matching collars, still in custody here.

C. C[onrad].

To the Justizrat and Consul-General of the South African Republic, Herr Winterfeldt, Hochwohlgeboren.

— *Journal I. 1656.*

Page 127 – SAR Consul-General to the Royal Mint Directorate, 15 October 1900

Seal of the Consulate-General. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 16 Oct. 1900, Berlin. Folio 114.

Berlin, 15 October 1900.

To the Royal Mint Directorate, here C.

*In polite reply to your esteemed letter of 1 October inst., J. No. I 1656, I take the liberty of referring you to **my letter of 25 May inst., in which I asked you to send the dies and rings made for the Transvaal Republic to its Envoy, Herr Dr. Leyds, Excellency, Brussels.***

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Justizrat, Consul-General of the South African Republic.

— *Journal I. 1761.*

Page 128 – SAR Consul-General to the Royal Mint Directorate, 25 May 1900

Seal of the Consulate-General. Folio 115.

Berlin, 25 May 1900.

To the Royal Mint Directorate, here C.

In settlement of your esteemed letter of 8 May inst., J. No. I 849, I have the honour to hand you enclosed

M. 1698.15 in cash

*for the manufactured 80 reverse and obverse dies each for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal) and 25 matching collars. **Kindly have the dies and rings forwarded to the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the South African Republic, Herr Dr. W. J. Leyds, Excellency, in Brussels.***

Respectfully, [Winterfeldt], Justizrat and Consul-General of the South African Republic.

Notes: "1.15 M. receipt of 25/5, pag. 19/90." — "Taken into the [cash] accounts on 16/10.1900. K." — Calculation: 1698.15 – 1697.00 = 1.15 M. — "Pag. 20/114, 18/114. Receipt issued."

— *ad Journal I. 1761.*

Page 129 (left) – Receipt, 25 May 1900

*Received the **above amount of 1 M. 15 Pf.**, in words: **one Mark and 15 Pfennig**, correctly from the Royal Mint Treasury here, as hereby certified.*

*Berlin, 25 May 1900. **Klinge**, Rechnungsrat.*

Page 129 (right) – Mint Director to Dr. Leyds, 18 October 1900 (draft)

Note: "dispatched 18/10". Folio 116.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 18 October 1900.

*To Your Excellency I have the honour to inform you most respectfully that **the 80 obverse and 80 reverse dies each for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal)**, together with **25 matching collars, ordered in February of this year, are still in storage at the Mint here; their production costs were already paid in May by the Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft.***

*I take the liberty of asking Your Excellency **whether these dies and rings may be sent to your address in Brussels, or whether they are to be disposed of otherwise.***

C. C[onrad].

To the Envoy of the Transvaal Republic, Herr Dr. Leyds, Excellency, Brussels.

— *ad Journal I. 1761.*

Page 130 – SAR Legation, Brussels, to Director Conrad, 10 November 1900

Letterhead: Gezantschap van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek, 8 Livournestraat, Brussel. GZR 6878/99 No. 4714. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 13 Nov. 1900, Berlin. Folio 117.

Brussels, 10 November 1900.

Your Honour,

*I have the honour respectfully to confirm receipt of your esteemed letter of the 18th ult., and to inform you in reply that **it will be agreeable to me if you would send the obverse and reverse dies in question as soon as possible to my address in Brussels.***

Respectfully! For the Envoy of the South African Republic, [signature], Chancellor.

To the Mint Director C. Conrad, Unterwasserstrasse 2–4, Berlin C.

— *Journal I. 1956.*

Pages 131–132 (left) – Three Mint letters, 13–15 November 1900 (drafts)

Stamps: Dispatched 14 Nov. 00; Dispatched 15 Nov. 00. Folio 118.

The Mint Director. Berlin, 13 Nov. 1900.

1. To the Royal Mint Works, here.

The two crates still lying at the works, with 80 reverse and 80 obverse dies each for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal), together with 25 matching collars, are to be handed to the forwarding agents G. Dietrich & Sohn, who have been instructed, for forwarding to the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels. 2 contents lists are to be submitted to me.

2. To the forwarding agents Messrs. G. Dietrich & Sohn, here N.W., Invalidenstr. 50/51.

*You are respectfully requested to collect from the Royal Mint Works here **two crates containing 80 reverse and 80 obverse dies each for One-Pound pieces (Transvaal), together with 25 matching collars, of a value of M. 1700**, and to send them on to the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels, 8 Livournestraat.*

Two contents lists are enclosed. Kindly send your cost statement to the said Legation.

Berlin, 15 Nov. 1900.

3. To the Legation of the South African Republic in Brussels, 8 Livournestraat.

*I have the honour to inform you most respectfully, in reply to your esteemed letter of the 10th inst., that **the 80 obverse and reverse dies each for One-Pound pieces, together with 25 matching collars, have today been handed to the forwarding agents G. Dietrich & Sohn here for forwarding there.***

C. C[onrad].

— *ad Journal I. 1956.*

Page 132 (right) – SAR Legation, Brussels, to Director Conrad, 28 November 1900

Letterhead: Gezantschap van de Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek, 8 Livournestraat, Brussel. GZR 6878/99 No. 4886/00. Stamp: Royal Mint Directorate, received 30 Nov. 1900, Berlin. Folio 119.

Brussels, 28 November 1900.

Your Honour,

*I have the honour, in settlement of your esteemed letter of the 15th inst., to inform you respectfully that **the 80 obverse and reverse dies each, as well as the 25 collars, have come into my possession.***

Respectfully! In the absence of the Envoy, [Scheltema?], Chargé d'Affaires.

To the Mint Director C. Conrad, Berlin C., Unterwasserstrasse 2–4.

Docket: *To the files, 30/11.1900. C. C.*

— *Journal I. 2140. This is the last document in the file.*

Pages 133–134 – Back of the file

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