

NOTICE OF THE FIND OF COINS AT CLOSEBURN, DUMFRIESSHIRE.

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On the 24th of December 1900, as Samuel M'Mahon, in the employment of Mr John Hamilton, farmer, Borscar, Closeburn, Dumfriesshire, was ploughing in a field on the said farm he turned up a number of coins. The coins, which had been concealed in an earthenware pot covered with a piece of cloth, were scattered about for a distance of several yards, many of them being very near the surface—the pot had evidently been broken during some previous ploughing operations. The hoard as forwarded by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer to the Museum for examination numbered 1376 pieces—all silver. The following is a summary:—

Edward I., II. and III. Pennies—London	630	
Berwick	31	
Bristol	27	
Canterbury	357	
Chester	2	
Durham	147	
Exeter	2	
Kingston	1	
Lincoln	10	
Newcastle	17	
Robert de Hadley	2	
St Edmundsbury	60	
York	32	
Illegible	28	
		1346
Do. Irish Pennies—Dublin		3
Scottish Alexander III. Pennies	5	
John Baliol „	2	
Robert Bruce „	1	
		8
Foreign Deniers		19
		1376
Total		<u>1376</u>

This is the most extensive find of Edward pennies in Scotland since the great Montrave hoard in 1877, a very full description of which is given by Burns in *The Coinage of Scotland*, vol. i. pp. 186–220. I have followed his arrangement in my list, with the exception of the pieces reading EDW REX, which have been satisfactorily shown by Messrs Grueber and Lawrence in their paper on the Balcombe Find (*Numismatic Chronicle*, new series, vol. xviii.), to belong to Edward III. Illustrations of the various types of the Edward pennies given in the following descriptive list will be found on plate A of Burns.

PENNIES.

Obverse.—Full face bust of king, crowned and clothed; legend, king's name and titles. M. M. cross pattée.

Reverse.—Long cross pattée, three pellets in each quarter; legend, name of mint.

EDWARD I.

London.

Large, well-spread coins.

1	<p>∅ + EDW R' ANGL' DNS HYB R CIVITAS LONDON</p>	<p>Plate A3.</p>	<p>No. of Coins. 7</p>
2	<p>Do.</p>	<p>Plate A4.</p>	<p>6</p>
3	<p>Do.</p>	<p>Plate A5; avg. wgt. 19·6 grs.</p>	<p>6</p>
<i>Bristol.</i>			
4	<p>∅ Do. R VILLÆ BRISTOLLIE</p>	<p>Plate A5.</p>	<p>2</p>
<i>Canterbury.</i>			
5	<p>∅ As No. 1. R CIVITAS CANTOR</p>	<p>Plate A5; 19 grs.</p>	<p>1</p>
<i>Durham.</i>			
6	<p>∅ As No. 1. R CIVITAS DVREME</p>	<p>Plate A5; 21·5 grs.</p>	<p>1</p>

	<i>York.</i>		
7	∅ As No. 1. R CIVITAS EBORACI	Plate A5.	No. of Coins. 3
	<i>London.</i>		
8	∅ + EDW R' ANOL' DNS NYB R CIVITAS LONDON		
	Plain band or collar round king's neck; pellets on the spaces of the crown.		
		Plate A6; 21·5 and 21·7 grs.	2
	<i>Canterbury.</i>		
9	∅ As No. 8. R CIVITAS CANTOR	Plate A7; 21·7 grs.	1
	<i>York.</i>		
10	∅ As No. 8. R CIVITAS EBORACI	Plate A7.	5
	<i>London.</i>		
11	Legends as No. 8.	Plate A8; 20·5 grs.	1
12	Do.; with LONDON		
	Drapery on bust divided in front; crown as before.		
		Variety A11; 21·2 grs.	1
	<i>Durham.</i>		
13	∅ As No. 8. R CIVITAS DVREME		
	Bust as last; arrow-head shaped ornaments on the spaces of the crown.		
		Plate A13; avg. wgt. 20·1 grs.	5
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	<i>Newcastle.</i>		
14	∅ As last. R VILLA NOVICASTRI	Plate A13.	No. of Coins. 4
	<i>York.</i>		
15	∅ Do. R CIVITAS EBORĀ(CI) Quatrefoil on centre of reverse.	Plate A13; 20·7 grs.	1
	<i>London.</i>		
16	∅ Do. R CIVITAS LONDON	Plate A14-15; avg. wgt. 20·4 grs.	77
	<i>Bristol.</i>		
17	∅ Do. R VILLĀ BRISTOLLIE	Plate A14-15; avg. wgt. 19·8 grs.	15
	<i>Canterbury.</i>		
18	∅ Do. R CIVITAS CANTOR	Plate A14-15; avg. wgt. 20 grs.	44
	<i>Durham.</i>		
19	∅ Do. R CIVITAS DVREME	Plate A14-15.	3
	<i>Lincoln.</i>		
20	∅ Do. R CIVITAS LINCOL	Plate A14-15.	4
21	Do.; comma after LINCOL'	Plate A14-15; avg. wgt. 20·5 grs.	6

<i>York.</i>		
22	∅ Do. R CIVITAS EBORACI Plate A14-15; avg. wgt. 19·3 grs.	No. of Coins. 9
<i>London.</i>		
23	∅ Do. R CIVITAS LONDON Plate A16-17; avg. wgt. 20·7 grs.	9
24	Do.; with peaked body and fish-tail end C Plate A18.	1
25	Do. Plate A19.	3
26	Do.; open π 's and plain C Plate A19.	1
<i>Chester.</i>		
27	∅ Do. R CIVITAS CESTRIE Plate A16-17; 19 grs.	1
<i>Durham.</i>		
28	∅ Do. R CIVITAS EME DVR Plate A16-17.	1
<i>Robert de Hadelie.</i>		
29	∅ Do. R ROBERT DE HADELEIE Plate A16-17.	1
30	∅ Do.; large comma after R R ROBERTVS DE HADL' Plate A21; 20·7 grs.	1

<i>London.</i>		
31	ø Do.; large comma after R R CIVITAS LONDON	Plate A22. 7
32	Do.; a pellet before the inscriptions; open π 's. Plate A26; avg. wgt. 20·8 grs.	22
<i>Canterbury.</i>		
33	ø Do. R · CIVITAS CANTOR A pellet before the inscriptions. Plate A26; avg. wgt. 20·5 grs.	4
<i>London.</i>		
34	ø Do.; three pellets on the breast. R · CIVITAS LONDON ø Plate A27; R Plate A26; wgt. 21 grs.	1
35	ø Do. R CIVITAS · LONDON	Plate A27. 3
36	ø Do.; single pellet on the breast. R Do.; no pellet before LONDON	Plate A29. 1
<i>Canterbury.</i>		
37	ø As No. 34. R CIVITAS CANTOR	Plate A27. 1
38	Do.; CAN · TOR	Plate A27. 3
<i>Durham.</i>		
39	ø Do.; the breast plain; m. m. on both sides cross moline; the ends formed by annulets. R CIVITAS DVREME	Plate A28. 5
40	Do.; large cross moline on both sides.	ø Plate A30. 1

SMALL LETTER SERIES.

London.

41	∅ ✠ EDW R' ANOL' DNS NYB R CIVITAS LONDON Rose on breast; double barred N's. Plate A31; avg. wgt. 20·9 grs.	No. of Coins. 5
42	∅ + EDW R ANOL' DNS NYB' R CIVITAS LONDON Breast plain. Plate A33-34; avg. wgt. 20·2 grs.	5
43	Do.; no comma after NYB	1
43*	Do.; barred A's.	2
44	As No. 42; star on breast. Plate A35-36.	1
45	Do.; no star. Plate A35-36.	1
46	Do.; star on breast; no comma after NYB; barred A's.	1
47	Do. do.; barred A on obverse; open ll's on reverse.	1
48	Do.; no star; M. M. plain cross.	1
49	Do.; no star; M. M. plain cross; open ll's on reverse.	1
50	Do.; star on breast; open ll's on reverse.	5
51	Do.; star on breast; open ll's on both sides.	1
52	Do.; M. M. plain cross; ll's on obverse.	1

Canterbury.

53	∅ As No. 42; star on breast; barred A R CIVITAS CANTOR Plate A36 wgt. 17 grs.	1
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		No. of Coins.
<i>London.</i>		
54	∅ ⚡ EDW R ANGL DIIS HYB R CIVITAS LONDON	27
	Star on breast. Plate A37; avg. wgt. 20·8 grs.	
55	Do.; breast plain. Plate A37; avg. wgt. 20·8 grs.	29
<i>Bristol.</i>		
56	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R VILL' BRISTOLIE	8
	Plate A37; avg. wgt. 20·7 grs.	
57	Do.; breast plain; no comma after VILL	2
	wgt. 21 grs.	
<i>Canterbury.</i>		
58	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R CIVITAS CANTOR	6
	Plate A37; avg. wgt. 20·8 grs.	
59	Do.; CANTOR	1
	Plate A37.	
60	As No. 54; breast plain.	11
	Plate A37; avg. wgt. 20·6 grs.	
<i>Chester.</i>		
61	∅ As No. 54; breast plain. R CIVITAS CANTOR	1
	Plate A37; wgt. 20·7 grs.	
<i>Durham.</i>		
62	∅ As No. 54; star on breast; M. M. cross moline. R CIVITAS DVRAME	1
	Plate A37.	
63	Do.; breast plain; comma after R' ANGL' and HYB'	4
64	∅ As No. 55; breast plain; M. M. cross pattée. R As No. 62.	9
	avg. wgt. 19·8 grs.	

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Exeter.

65	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R CIVITAS EXONIIÆ		No. of Coins.
	Plate A37; wgt. 21·4 and 21·5 grs.		2

Kingston-upon-Hull.

66	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R VILL' NYIIΘASTOI		
	Plate A37; wgt. 21·4 grs.		1

Newcastle.

67	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R VILL IIOVQASTRI	Plate A37.	4
68	∅ Do.; NYB' R VIL' NOVQASTRI		2
69	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R VILL NOVQASTRI		1
70	∅ As No. 55; breast plain. R VILL IIOVQASTRI		1
71	Do.; with VIL'L		1
72	∅ As No. 55; breast plain. R VILL NOVQASTRI		2

St Edmundsbury.

73	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R VILL SAIÆDIIVIDI	Plate A37.	1
74	∅ Do. R VILL' SAIÆDIIVNDI		2

			No. of Coins.
<i>York.</i>			
75	∅ As No. 54; star on breast. R CIVITAS EBORACI	Plate A37.	4
76	Do.; quatrefoil on centre of reverse.		1
77	As No. 75; breast plain.	avg. wgt. 21.2 grs.	8
<i>London.</i>			
78	∅ + EDWARD R ANOL' DNS hYB R CIVITAS LONDON		
	Interlinked W; narrow N on obverse.		
		∅ Plate A38; R Plate A37.	1
79	Do.; comma after hYB'.		3
80	Do. do. none after ANOL		6
81	∅ As No. 78. R CIVITAS LONDON		
	Narrow N's	Plate A38.	3
82	Do.; comma after hYB'		2
83	Do.; do. none after ANOL		2
<i>Canterbury.</i>			
84	∅ As No. 78; no comma after ANOL R CIVITAS CANTOR	Plate A38.	3
85	Do.; comma after hYB'		5
<i>Durham.</i>			
86	∅ As No. 85. R CIVITAS DVRÆHÆ	Plate A38.	2
87	Do.; comma after ANOL'		4

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<i>Newcastle.</i>		
88	∅ As No. 78. R VILL NOVIQASTRI	Plate A38. 2
<i>St Edmundsbury.</i>		
89	∅ As No. 78; comma after hYB' R VILL SGIQDMVNDI	Plate A38; wgt. 19.5 grs. 1
<i>London.</i>		
90	∅ + QDWR' R' ANQL' DNS hYB' R CIVITAS LONDON Interlinked W; narrow N's.	Variety A38. 2
91	Do.; ANQL' DIIS hYB'.	1
92	Do. do. hYB'	1
<i>Canterbury.</i>		
93	∅ As No. 90; plain W R CIVITAS CANTOR	Variety A38. 1
94	Do.; no comma after hYB	1
<i>London.</i>		
95	∅ + QDWTR R ANQL DNS hYB' R CIVITAS LOIIDOII	∅ Plate A39; R Plate A37. 1
96	Do.; h'B	1
97	∅ As No. 95; no comma after hYB R CIVITAS LONDON	Plate A39; avg. wgt. 20.6 grs. 60
98	∅ As No. 95; DIIS R As No. 95; LOIIDOII	1

	No. of Coins.
99 As No. 95; $\overline{\text{NII}}\text{O DNS hYB}$	1
100 As No. 97; comma after hYB'	4
101 Do.; comma after each word on obverse except DNS	1

Canterbury.

102 \emptyset As No. 95; no comma after hYB R $\overline{\text{CIVITVS CANTOR}}$ Plate A39; avg. wgt. 20.9 grs.	84
103 Do.; comma after hYB'	2
104 As No. 102; open II in $\overline{\text{NII}}\text{OL DIIS}$	1
105 As No. 102; $\overline{\text{CANTOR}}$	1

Durham.

106 \emptyset $\overline{+}$ $\overline{\text{EDWTR R ANOL DNS hYB'}}$ R $\overline{\text{CIVITVS DVRAME}}$ Interlinked W Plate A39; wgt. 20.3 grs.	1
107 Do.; plain W; no comma after hYB	1
108 Do.; m. m. cross moline on obverse; plain W; no comma after hYB	2
109 Do.; do.; hY and $\overline{\text{DVRANE}}$ wgt. 19.8 grs.	1

St Edmundsbury.

110 \emptyset $\overline{+}$ $\overline{\text{EDWTR R ANOL DNS hYB}}$ R $\overline{\text{VILL SIEDMVNDI}}$ Plate A39; avg. wgt. 21.5 grs.	19
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St Edmundsbury.

127	∅ As No. 111. R VILL SCIÆDMVNDI	Plate A40; avg. wgt. 20·7 grs.	No. of Coins. 27
128	Do.; SCIÆDMVHDIH		1
129	As No. 127; reversed 2 on reverse.		1
130	Do.; VILL'		1
131	Do.; hYB'		1

London.

132	∅ + ÆDWÆ R ANΘL DNS hYB R CIVITÆS LONDON	Plate A41; avg. wgt. 21·1 grs.	7
133	Do.; DNS		1
134	Do.; reversed V on obverse.		1

Canterbury.

135	∅ As No. 132. R CIVITÆS CANTOR	Plate A41.	1
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Durham.

136	∅ * ÆDWÆR R ANΘL DNS hYB R CIVITÆS DVRÆMÆ	Plate A41.	2
	M. M. cross moline on obverse.		

EDWARD II.

Durham.

137	∅ + ÆDWÆ R ANΘL DNS hYB R CIVITÆS DVNÆLM	Plate A44.	11
	Upper limb of cross bent to left like crossier.		
138	Do.; + ÆDWÆR		10

EDWARD I. AND II.

Berwick.

139	∅ † EDW R ANOL' DNS hYB R VILLÆ BEREVVICI Trefoil form of crown.	wgt. 24·2 grs.	No. of Coins. 1
140	∅ † EDWÆ R ANOL' DRS hYB R VILLÆ BEREVVICI	wgt. 19·8 grs.	1
141	Do.; open A's on both sides; pellet on breast. wgt. 23 grs.		1
142	Do. do.; DNS, and breast plain. Bifoil form of crown.	wgt. 21·5 grs.	1
143	∅ † EDW R ANOL DNS hYB R VILLÆ BERE(VVICI)	wgt. 17·5 grs.	1
144	∅ † EDW . . AN hYI : R VILLÆ BÆRÆV Rude work.	wgt. 17·5 grs.	1
145	As No. 143; hYD'	wgt. 20·7 and 24·5 grs.	2
146	As No. 143; a pellet on the breast.		10
147	Do.; with DRS		7
148	Do. do.; breast plain.		2
149	Do.; the breast plain.		3
150	∅ † EDWÆR R ANOL DNS hYB R : VILLÆ BEREWYCI	wgt. 22·5 grs.	1

EDWARD II.

Canterbury.

			No of Coins.
151	∅ + EDWA R ANOL DNS hYB		
	R CIVITAS CATOR	Plate A45; wgt. 20·7 grs.	1
152	∅ + EDWAR R ANOL DNS hYB		
	R CIVITAS CATOR	Plate A46; wgt. 21·2 grs.	1

Durham.

153	∅ + EDWAR ANOL DNS hYB		
	R CIVITAS DVNGLM		
	Crosier on reverse.	Plate A46; wgt. 20 grs.	1
154	Do.; open A's; m. m. illegible.		1
155	∅ EDWAR R ANOL DNS hYB		
	R CIVITAS DVNGLM		
	m. m. lion with two small lis at end of obverse legend.	Plate A46-48.	5
156	Do.; a small lis at each side of the lion m. m.		2
157	Do.; without the small lis.		3
158	Do.; one small lis after hYB	Plate A49.	1
159	Do.; two small lis after hYB		1
160	Do.; indistinct.		7

EDWARD III.

London.

161	∅ EDW REX ANOL' DNS hYB		
	R CIVITAS LONDON	Plate A1; avg. wgt. 21 grs.	3

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		No. of Coins.
162	Do.; N's on obverse. Plate A1; avg. wgt. 21 grs.	2
163	∅ † EDW REX ANΘL' DNS : hYB R CIVITAS LONDON wgt. 21·2 grs.	1
164	∅ † EDWTR · R · ANΘL · DNS · hYB R CIVITAS LORDOR Plate A50; wgt. 21·7 grs.	1
<i>Canterbury.</i>		
165	∅ As No. 164. R CIVITAS CANTOR Plate A50; avg. wgt. 22·7 grs.	2
<i>St Edmundsbury.</i>		
166	∅ As No. 164. R VILL SCIΘDMVNDI Plate A50; wgt. 21·5 and 21·2 grs.	2
167	∅ † EDWTR' R' ANΘL' DNS hB R VILL SCIΘDIIVIDI wgt. 21·5 grs.	1
168	∅ Do.; hYB R As No. 166. wgt. 21·7 grs.	2
<i>York.</i>		
169	∅ As No. 164. R CIVITAS EBORACI Quatrefoil on centre of reverse. Plate A49-50.	1
170	Illegible.	28

IRISH PENNIES.

EDWARD I.

Dublin.

Obverse.—Front face bust of king, crowned and clothed, in a triangle.

Reverse.—Long cross pattée, three pellets in each angle.

171 Ø ΕDW R' ΑΝΘΛ DNS ΗΥΒ
 & CIVITAS DVBLINIÆ

One pellet below the bust.

No. of
Coins.

1

172 Ø · ΕDW · R' · ΑΝΘΛ DNS · ΗΥΒ
 & As last.

Two pellets below the bust.

2

SCOTTISH PENNIES.

ALEXANDER III.

Obverse.—Crowned bust of king to left, with sceptre.

Reverse.—Long cross pattée, a mullet of six points in each quarter.

173 Ø : ΑLEXΑΝΔΕΡ ΔΕΙ ΘΡΑ
 & REX SCOTORVM †

wgt. 19·5 grs.

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174 Do.; M. M. cross on both sides.

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175 Do. do.

No. 48.

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176 Do. do.

No. 79.

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177 Do.; ΘR

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JOHN BALIOL.

Same types as before ; mullets of five points in the quarters.

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| 178 | Ø + IOHANNES DEI GRA
R REX SCOTTORVM + | No. of
Coins.
2 |
| | Museum Catalogue No. 16. | |

ROBERT BRUCE.

Same types.

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| 179 | Ø ☒ : ROBERTVS : DEI : GRA :
R SCOTORVM REX ☒ | 1 |
| | Museum Catalogue No. 1. | |

FOREIGN.

DENIERS ESTERLINGS.

JOHN II., DUKE OF BRABANT, 1261-1294.

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| 180 | Ø + ❧ ❧ DVX ❧ LIMVROIE
R DVX BRABANTIE | Limburg mint.

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| | <i>Obverse</i> —Front face crowned with flowers. <i>Reverse</i> —Long cross pattée, three pellets in each angle. | |

JEAN II. D'AVESNES, COUNT OF HAINAULT, 1280-1304.

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| 181 | Ø ☒ ❧ I ❧ COMES HAINORIE
R VALENTINENS | Valenciennes mint.

1 |
| | Same types. | |

JOHN THE BLIND OF LUXEMBURGH, 1309-1346.

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| 182 | Ø ☒ IOHANNES : DEI : GRA
R BO ET POL'O REX | 2 |
| | Front face crowned. | |
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ROBERT DE BETHUNE, COUNT OF FLANDERS, 1305-1322.

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| 183 | ø ⚡ : R ꝛ COMES ꝛ FLARDRIE
R MORETA TLOTER | Alost mint. | No. of
Coins. |
| | Same types. | | 1 |
| 184 | ø As last; no divisions between words; open C's.
R MORETA TLOTER | | 1 |
| 185 | ø + RCOMES A FLARDRIE
R MORETA TLOTER | | 3 |

LOUIS IV. OF BAVARIA, EMPEROR OF GERMANY,
1314-1347.

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| 186 | ø LVDOVICVS · ROM · M · R
R MORETA ROVERNSIS | M. M. eagle. | |
| | Types as before; an eagle in the first quarter of the reverse. | | 1 |

GUALERAN I.-II., COUNTS OF LIGNY, 1304-1353.

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|-----|---|--------------|---|
| 187 | ø ⚡ Ⓞ · DOMIRVS : DELINY
R MORETA SERLYN | Serain mint. | |
| | Front face crowned. | | 1 |
| 188 | ø Do.; LYIHRIS
R (MO)METT SERLYN | | 1 |
| 189 | ø Ⓞ : DOM · IRVS · DELIR
R MOIETH SARLYN | | |
| | Crowned head facing in a triangle; a pellet below the bust. | | 1 |

GALCHER OF CHATILLON, COUNT OF PORCIEN, 1308.

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| 190 | ø + Ⓞ ALCH · S COMES PORC
R MOHETH OVLY · VÆ | Mint Yres, Namur. | |
| | Front face crowned. | | 2 |

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	No. of Coins.
191 Do. ; small mullet of six points after OVTY	1
192 ø + ⚔ALCHS COMES PORC R IIHIIETIIIOVTYVÆ	1
193 ø + ⚔ALCS COMES PORCI R MORÆTTA ROVIQT	
RAYNOLD II., COUNT OF GUELDRES, 1326-1343.	
194 ø + COMES · ⚔L · RENCIS R CIVITAS ARNEYM	
Front face crowned.	1
Arnhem mint.	