

# A 1658/7/6 Commonwealth Shilling

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Commonwealth coins with overdates are well known. This is where a die spare or serviceable from one year has a new date added so that a whole new issue would have the same date at the next accounting period or Trial of the Pyx. To have a double overdate is very unusual, with a shilling dated 1655/4/3 being suggested in ESC 994A<sup>(1)</sup> or ESC 149<sup>(2)</sup>, though I haven't seen a convincing specimen or photograph of that overdate.

Presented here is a shilling with a clear overdate 1658/7/6.

Obv: **THE COMMONWEALTH•OF•ENGLAND•**•

Around wreath and shield with St George's Cross.

Rev: **GOD • WITH • VS • 1658/7/6 •**

Around • **XII** • and conjoined shields with St George's Cross and Irish Harp.

Details: 5.742 g (150%).

There is no evidence of a stop after **THE** but a stop may have been erased by the double striking in this area.

A close-up of the date shows the **8/7/6**, with the left hand and right hand loop of the **6** as well as the top corner of the **7** clearly visible.



A close-up also suggests the G of ENGLAND is overstruck on a D with serifs visible to the left and a raised line through the opening of the G.

I would be interested to hear if anyone has seen a shilling struck from this die in its earlier states – **1656** and **1657/6**.



## Notes and References

- (1) P.A. Rayner. English Silver Coinage since 1649. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Seaby, 1992.
- (2) M. Bull. English Silver Coinage since 1649. 5<sup>th</sup> Fully Revised Edition, Spink, 1992.

