

A Peculiar Reverse Die Cutting Error of Edward III Pre Treaty Series C Halfgroat

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My collecting over the last 30 years has been somewhat influenced by my professional activities as a medieval moneyer, in so much that my attention is drawn to mint errors, so over many years I have accumulated a small collection of same.

I recently acquired a rather sorry specimen of an Edward III Pre treaty Series C halfgroat. The obverse was only attributable to the group of coins without fleurs over the crown and reading ANGLI o Z o FRAN... Listed in my work 'The Galata Guide to Medieval Halfgroats' as obverse dies DIG 9-12.

For the reverses they fall into two groups, Reading +POS / VI DEV / which are designated DIG 1 - 4 and those reading POSV / I DEV(M) which are designated DIG 5 - 8

The Reason I purchased the coin from this prodigiously common group was the reverse which reads on the inner legend -

CIVI / TAS / LON / LON

Of the outer legend the first half is clipped away The remainder reading -

+??? / ??? / ADIVT / OREM /

This reading falls into the +POS group DIG 2 - 4 as these three have the /ADIVT / OREM ending.

This new variant of reverse I am now calling DIG 4i.

This variant now increases the die cutting errors for Pre Treaty Series C to 2

The other being DIG 8 which reads LON / DEN /



Authors Collection
Rn 2231
1.52g

