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The Rise of the Gold Standard, 1660-1819

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'An Act for continuing a former concerning Coynage'. In recognition of the great benefit yielded to the country by 'An Act for Encouragement of Coynage', 1666, this act, the introductory section of which is given below, extends the earlier act for an additional seven years.

Forasmuch as great advantage hath accrewed to this Kingdome by one Act of this present Parlyament passed in the eighteenth year of your Majestyes Raigne entituled An Act for Encouragement of Coynage, for that very great quantities of Gold and Silver have beene brought into this Realme, and converted into the current Coyne thereof by reason of the encouragement given thereto by the said Act; And whereas the said Act was to continue untill the twentyeth day of December in the yeare of our Lord One thousand six hundred seaventy and one, and untill the end of the first Session of Parlyament then next following and now longer, soe as that unlesse the said Act be now renewed, the encouragement given thereby to Coynage will cease, and this Kingdome be deprived for the future of soe great a good as it hath thereby for these years last past enjoyed; Wee therefore your Majestyes Dutyfull and Loyall Subjects doe humbly pray that it may be enacted and bee it enacted by the Kings most excellent Majestie by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and Commons now in Parlyament assembled and by the authoritie of the same; That the said Act shall continue and be in force for the space of seaven years to commence from and after the determination of this present Session of this Parlyament, and untill the end of the first Session of Parlyament then next following and noe longer.

Source: *Statutes at Large* 2, 25. Cha. II. c. 8, pp. 844-885, esp. 884; *Statutes of the Realm* 5, 25. Cha. II., c. 8., p. 794.