



*From the Master of the Royal Mint*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Master of Your Majesty's Mint with his humble duty to Your Majesty begs leave to submit for Your gracious consideration photographs of the designs recommended for the obverse and reverse of gold coins to be issued in 1989.

Next year marks the 500th anniversary of the introduction of the gold sovereign in 1489, and it is proposed to commemorate this important occasion by the issue of half-sovereigns, sovereigns, two-pound pieces and five-pound pieces. All four coins will share the same design, which has been inspired by the design of the original 1489 sovereign of Henry VII.

The recommended obverse and reverse are the work of Mr Bernard Sindall. The obverse shows an enthroned portrait of Your Majesty, based on an approved design prepared for commemorative medals for Your Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977. On the reverse is featured a crowned shield of Your Royal Arms, together with an appropriate inscription.

The coins will be struck for sale to collectors and are expected to become available early next summer.

*I have the honour to remain*

*Your Majesty's most Obedient servant,*

NIGEL LAWSON

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COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS



Original Sovereign of Henry VII



Obverse of commemorative coins



Reverse of commemorative coins