

FIJI



1936 - SIXPENCE - OBERSE

FIJI, BRITISH CROWN COLONY of
LONDON MINT

6 PENCE 19MM .500 FINE 2.83 GRAMS

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| 1934 | 160,000 | CL-61 |
| 1935 | 120,000 | CL-62 |
| 1936 | 40,000 | CL-63 |

^OV: Crowned head of George V, facing left
GEORGE V KING left EMPEROR right.

^RV: Turtle dividing DATE left and right / FIJI above, SIX
PENCE below.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = Royal Mint, LONDON

REFERENCE: Y-3, KM-3

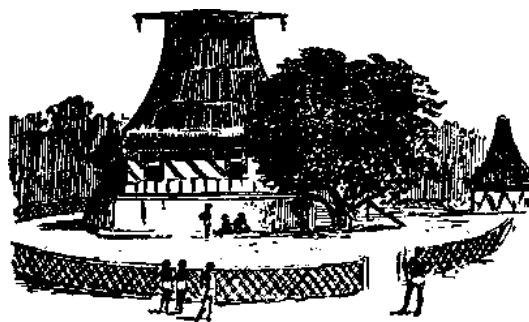
POPULATION: 1930 - 176,793 including 5,058
Europeans and 76,722 Indians. The capital Viti Levu
had 1,741 inhabitants.

FOOTNOTE: Percy Metcalfe, born in Wakefield in 1895 sculptor
and medallist. He was the designer for the 'Wembley Lion' for the
British Empire Exhibition 1924-25, of the King George VI portrait of
Fiji 6 Pence and the bust of King Farouk I as shown on Egyptian Y-
83. He died in 1969.



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FOOTNOTE: Fiji consists of a group of about 254 Islands, 80 of
which are inhabited, in the South Pacific Ocean to the east of the
New Hebrides Group. A Crown Colony of Great Britain since 1874
when the Islands were ceded by native Chiefs. The larger Islands
are mountainous, with elevations up to 4,000 feet, containing dense
forests. The coasts are surrounded by coral reef and form many
good harbors. The Islands are fertile and well provided with rivers
of which three on the Island of Viti Levu are navigable in their
lower courses through the coastal plain. In spite of their tropical
situation the Fiji Islands have a comparatively cool climate, seldom
above 90° or below 60° F. In 1934 Fiji products were; bananas,
coconuts, maize, sugar-cane, tobacco, rice, pineapples, cotton
and timber. A private narrow-gage railway runs from Tavua to
Sigatoka, 120 miles. The British Crown appoints a Governor with
executive power. The Governor of Fiji is also High Commissioner
for the western Pacific. The natives continue to live under a sys-
tem of self-government.



Fijian Temple

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1937 40,000

^OV: Crowned head of George VI, facing left
GEORGE VI KING left EMPEROR right / PM under bust.

^RV: Turtle dividing date of 19 left and 37 right / FIJI
above, SIX PENCE below.

EDGE: Reeded

DESIGNER: PM = Percy Metcalfe

MINT: (no mintmark) = Royal Mint, LONDON

REFERENCE: Y-11, CL-64, KM-8



1940 - SIXPENCE - REVERSE

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6 PENCE 19MM .500 FINE 2.83 GRAMS

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| 1938 | 40,000 | CL-65 |
| 1940 | 40,000 | CL-66 |
| 1941 | 40,000 | CL-67 |

^OV: Crowned head of George VI, facing left
GEORGE VI left KING EMPEROR right / PM under bust.

^RV: Turtle divided by DATE left and right / FIJI above,
SIX PENCE below.

EDGE: Reeded

DESIGNER: PM = Percy Metcalfe

MINT: (no mintmark) = Royal Mint, LONDON

POPULATION: 1940 - 189,398

REFERENCE: Y-11A, KM-11



1940 - SIXPENCE - OBVERSE

FOOTNOTE: Some of the Fiji Islands were discovered by Abel Tasman in 1643. Turtle Island, in the southern area of the group, was discovered by Cook in 1773. In 1804, a gang of escaped convicts from Australia and some mutinous sailors effected a lodgment on Viti Levu and gained an influence over the natives. Great Britain obtained the Fiji Islands in 1874 by cession from the native chieftains. The Fijis have long been notorious for cannibalism. Human flesh was known as "long pig" and not even the friends, relatives or wives of a chief were immune to his revolting gluttony. Human sacrifices were commonly made, and the wives and slaves of the dead chief were buried with him, alive. For a "cornerstone" to his house, a slave was buried alive under each of the main posts. In spite of his cruelty and degradation the Fijians are attractive in appearance and modest in conduct. *Atlas of the World by G.W.James and A.H.Burgoyne, 1927*





1942 - SIXPENCE - OBVERSE

FIJI, BRITISH CROWN COLONY of
SAN FRANCISCO MINT

6 PENCE 19MM .900 FINE 2.83 GRAMS

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| 1942 | 400,000 | CL-68 |
| 1943 | 400,000 | CL-69 |

▲OV: Crowned head of George VI, facing left
GEORGE VI left KING EMPEROR right / PM under bust.

▲RV: Turtle divided by DATE left and right / FIJI above,
SIX PENCE below, **S** (mintmark) under right digit of date.

EDGE: Reeded

DESIGNER: PM = Percy Metcalfe

MINT: **S** = SAN FRANCISCO

REFERENCE: Y-11A, KM-11a

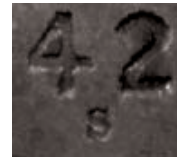
The Coins of British Oceania by Robert L. Clarke, 4th Edition, South Pasadena, 1967.

POPULATION: Fiji - 1942 - 255,000

FOOTNOTE: During World War II, England could not supply small silver coinage to this Pacific colony along with the Commonwealth of Australia, so the American mints provided these issues with the familiar mintmark of **S** for San Francisco. At the same time the American mints produced small coinage from both the San Francisco and Denver mints for the Pacific colonies of the Netherlands as it was occupied by Nazi troops during the war.



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San Francisco - S MINTMARK



King George VI of Great Britain