

A new legend reading for Edward III Florin coinage halfpence

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The Florin coinage halfpennies of Edward III (1344-1351) are described extensively in the Galata Small Change series volume II 'The Halfpennies and Farthings of Edward III and Richard II' by Paul & Bente R Withers, Galata 2002. In which the Florin Coinage halfpence is assigned to 8 sections, designated types 6 to type 13, for the mints of London (types 6-13) and Reading (types 7 and 13). Within these types are noted numerous subtypes all of which have the following obverse legend readings, (discounting stop variations in the legends).

+ **EDWARDVS REX** (types 7-10)
+ **EDWARDVS REX AN** (types 11-13a-c,13e-h)
+ **EDWARDVS REX ANGL** (type 13d)

Within type 13 there are found pellets in the field either by the crown (types 13b,c&d) or quatrefoils or saltires beside the crown (type 13e-f) or saltires above the crown (type 13g&h). Extra pellets or saltires can also be found in the reverse quarters (Types 12 &13). All coins illustrated are in my personal collection.

A recent detector find and subsequent Ebay purchase reveals a new obverse reading for London type 13.



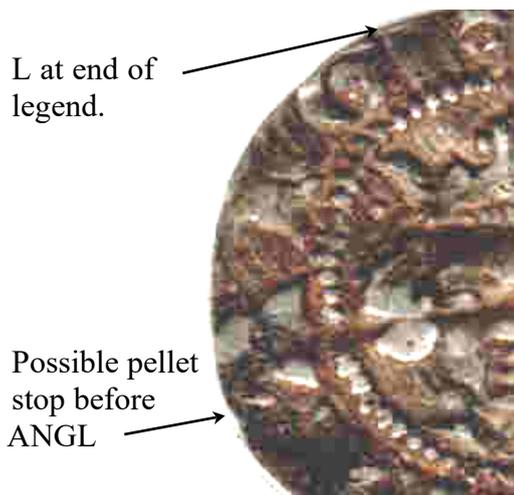
The coin which weighs 0.51g conforms to type 13 with the crown and portrait punches used through-out type 13 and has pellets found by the crown . The obverse legend reads -

+ **EDWARD REX ANGL**

There may be a single pellet stop before ANGL but is not clear enough to be certain.

The reverse conforms to the standard of type 13 without any extra marks in the quarters.

After consultation with Paul and Bente Withers it has been decided to ascribe this variant as type 13ab due to the shorter form of legend reading of EDWARD compared to type 13b EDWARDVS.



For comparison Type 13b reading
+ **EDWARDVS REX AN**

