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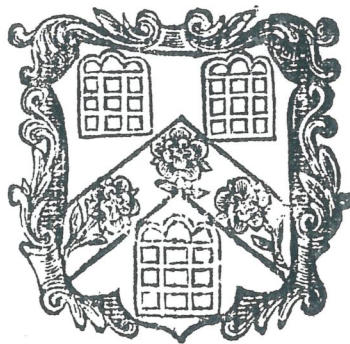
A
T A B L E
OF THE
ASSAYS of METAL,
AND OF THE
WEIGHTS and DIMENSIONS
OF THE SEVERAL
SORTS of PEWTER WARES,
L O N D O N.

Printed in the YEAR 1772.

A table of the Assays of Metal 1772

Massé, in *The Pewter Collector*, published in 1921, mentions a little book published by the Pewterers' Company in 1772 concerned with the standards for various wares then made by members of the trade. A copy of this publication, which has for long been lost, has recently been found in Guildhall Library, London, and is here reproduced in facsimile by kind permission of Guildhall Library and with the agreement of the Pewterers' Company.

It contains a wealth of information on the wares made in the latter part of the eighteenth century and will repay careful study by collectors and others interested in the products of the London pewterers at that time. As well as stipulating the alloys to be used for every conceivable item it lists many objects of which we now appear to have no recognised surviving examples. Perhaps its publication will lead to the discovery and preservation of some of these.



Company of PEWTERERS,
L O N D O N.

} AT a General Court of the
MASTER, WARDENS,
ASSISTANTS, and LIVERY of
the said Company, held at *Pewterers-
Hall*, in *Lime-street*, the 22d Day of
January, 1772.

The Report of the Committee appointed for regulating the Assay and Weight of the several Wares, Vessels, and Utensils of Pewter, made and sold by Members of this Company, was taken into Consideration by the Court, and after maturely weighing and considering the several Matters and Things in the said Report mentioned; and in order to prevent His Majesty's Subjects from being imposed upon in the Goodness, Size and Weight of Pewter Wares; and for the Credit of the Pewterers Trade,

It is therefore hereby ordained, directed, and appointed, that the several Sorts and Sizes of Pewter Wares, Vessels and Utensils, hereafter mentioned, shall not be of inferior Metal, or of less Weight or Substance than are limited and expressed in the following Table (that is to say)

D I S H E S.

D I S H E S.

	<i>In. over.</i>		<i>lb.</i>	
Being	} shall weigh not less than	28	} each	20
		26		16
		24		12
		22		10
		20 $\frac{1}{2}$		7
		19 $\frac{1}{4}$		6
		18		5
		16 $\frac{1}{2}$		4
		15		3 $\frac{1}{4}$
		13 $\frac{1}{4}$		2 $\frac{1}{4}$
		12		2
11	1 $\frac{1}{2}$			

TRENCHER PLATES.

	<i>In. over.</i>		<i>lb.</i>		
Being	} shall not weigh less than	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	} per Dozen.	15	
		9 $\frac{5}{8}$		14	
		9 $\frac{3}{8}$		12	
		9		11	
		8 $\frac{3}{4}$		10	
		8 $\frac{1}{2}$		9	
		8		8	
		7 $\frac{5}{8}$		7	
		9 $\frac{1}{4}$		13 $\frac{1}{2}$	double Fillet
		9 $\frac{1}{4}$		13	single ditto
		9		13	double ditto
9	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	single ditto			

GUINEA

GUINEA BASONS.

<i>In. over.</i>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 18 \\ 15\frac{3}{8} \\ 13 \\ 11\frac{1}{2} \\ 10\frac{1}{2} \\ 9\frac{1}{4} \\ 8 \end{array} \right\}$	shall weigh not less than	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \\ 1\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}$	<i>lb.</i> each
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PIECE BASONS.

<i>In. over.</i>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 13\frac{1}{8} \\ 11\frac{3}{4} \\ 11 \\ 10\frac{5}{8} \\ 9\frac{1}{8} \\ 8 \end{array} \right\}$	shall weigh not less than	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2\frac{1}{2} \\ 2 \\ 1\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}$	<i>lb.</i> each
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WASH HAND BASONS.

<i>In. over.</i>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 10\frac{1}{4} \\ 9\frac{1}{2} \\ 8\frac{3}{4} \end{array} \right\}$	shall weigh not less than	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2\ 4 \\ 1\ 12 \\ 1\ 6 \end{array} \right\}$	<i>lb. oz.</i> each
Large - - -				
Middle - - -				
Small - - -				

BREAKFAST BASONS.

<i>lb. oz.</i>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1\ 6 \\ 0\ 15 \\ 0\ 9 \end{array} \right\}$	each
Quart - - -		
Pint - - -		
Half Pint - - -		

SPANISH

SPANISH BASONS.

		Plain.	Scollop'd.
<i>In. long.</i>	<i>In. wide.</i>	<i>lb. oz.</i>	<i>lb. oz.</i>
Being {	} by {	} shall weigh not less than	{ 4 4
			{ 3 4
			{ 2 8
			{ 2 2
			{ 4 0
			{ 3 0
			{ 2 5
			{ 2 0
			} each

BARBERS BASONS.

In. $10\frac{1}{4}$, shall weigh not less than *lb. oz.* 1 8

COLANDER BASONS.

<i>In. over.</i>		<i>lb. oz.</i>
Being {	} shall weigh not less than	{ 5 6
		{ 4 0
		{ 3 0
		} each

PINT NEW ENGLAND BASON.

Shall weigh not less than *lb. oz.* 7 8 per Dozen.

TEA POTS.

		<i>lb. oz.</i>
Quart - - - - -	} shall weigh not less than	{ 1 8
Pint and Half - - - - -		{ 1 2
Pint - - - - -		{ 1 0
Three Quarters of a Pint -		{ 0 14
Half Pint - - - - -		{ 0 12
		} each

COFFEE

COFFEE POTS.

Three Pints - - -	} shall weigh not less than	} each	<i>lb. oz.</i>
Quart - - - - -			2 12
Pint and Half - - -			1 12
Pint - - - - -			1 8
			1 4

COLANDERS.

	<i>In. over.</i>	} shall weigh not less than	} each	<i>lb. oz.</i>	
Large - - -	} being { 13			5 4	
Middle - - -				12	4 0
Small - - -				10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 14

STANDISHES.

	<i>In. by In.</i>	<i>lb. oz.</i>			
Large Chest - - - - -	} Measuring	} shall weigh not less than	} each with Glasses.		
Middle ditto - - - - -				8 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 10
Small ditto - - - - -				7 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2
Large Water - - - - -				6 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 12
Middle ditto plain - - - - -				8 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 6	2 8
Small ditto ditto - - - - -					1 6
Large Dutch - - - - -				7 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 3 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 8
Middle ditto - - - - -				6 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 2
Small ditto - - - - -				5 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 2 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 14
Large Oval with Drawer - - - - -				11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 6
Ditto without - - - - -				11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 8
Small Oval with Drawer - - - - -				9 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 4
Ditto without - - - - -				9 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 4
Large Loggerheads - - - - -				3 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 13
Middle ditto - - - - -				2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 $\frac{7}{8}$	1 0
Small ditto - - - - -				2 by 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 10
Large round Pewter - - - - -	2 by 3	0 8			
Small ditto - - - - -	1 $\frac{7}{8}$ by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0 7			

WATER PLATES.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Large - } \\ \text{Small - } \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{In. over.} \\ \text{being } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 9\frac{1}{2} \\ 9 \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{shall weigh not} \\ \text{less than} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lb. oz.} \\ 3 \quad 0 \\ 2 \quad 12 \end{array} \right\} \text{each}$$

WATER DISHES.

$$\text{Being } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{In. over.} \\ 16\frac{1}{2} \\ 15 \\ 13\frac{1}{4} \\ 12 \\ 10\frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{shall weigh not less than} \\ \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lb. oz.} \\ 10 \quad 8 \\ 8 \quad 4 \\ 6 \quad 12 \\ 5 \quad 4 \\ 4 \quad 4 \end{array} \right\} \text{each}$$

SAUCERS.

$$\text{Being } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{In. over.} \\ 7 \\ 6\frac{1}{2} \\ 5\frac{1}{2} \\ 4\frac{3}{4} \\ 4 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{shall weigh not less than} \\ \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lb.} \\ 7 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{per Dozen}$$

SPOONS.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Large Soup - } \\ \text{Middle ditto - } \\ \text{Small ditto - } \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Length of} \\ \text{the Spoon} \\ \text{being} \end{array} \right\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{In.} \\ 15 \\ 14 \\ 12\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Shall weigh} \\ \text{not less than} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lb. oz.} \\ 6 \quad 0 \\ 5 \quad 8 \\ 4 \quad 8 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{per} \\ \text{Dozen.} \end{array}$$

Spoons

Spoons called	} Twenty-fours } Twenty-twos } Twentys } Eighteens } Sixteens } Fourteens } Childrens Spoons	} The Length of } the Spoon being	} $8\frac{3}{4}$ } $8\frac{3}{8}$ } 8 } $7\frac{7}{8}$ } $7\frac{3}{8}$ } $7\frac{1}{4}$ } $6\frac{3}{8}$	} Shall weigh not } less than	} 24 } 22 } 20 } 18 } 16 } 14 } 10	} per Gros.
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Large Tea Spoons	} Length	} 5	} shall weigh	} 5 0	} per Gros

S O U P L A D L E S.

Hollow Handle	} Length	} $17\frac{1}{4}$	} shall weigh	} 9 0 per Dozen

T A N K A R D S.

		Hard Metal. Ordinary.		
		<i>lb. oz.</i>	<i>lb. oz.</i>	
Two Quarts (Winchester)	} Shall weigh not } less than	} 4 0 } 3 0 } 2 4 } 1 12 } 1 4 } $-$ $-$ } 0 14	} 3 12 } 2 13 } 2 2 } 1 10 } 1 3 } 1 2 } 0 12	
Three Pints ditto - - -				} each
Quart ditto - - - - -				
Quart (Wine) - - - - -				
Pint Winchester - - - -				
Small Pint - - - - -				
Half Pint Winchester -				

B

WIN-

WINCHESTER MEASURE POTS and MUGS.

Gallon - - - -	} Shall weigh not less than	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>		} each
Three Quart- - -			6	0	
Five Pint- - - -			4	4	
Two Quart - - - -			3	4	
Three Pint - - - -			3	0	
Quart - - - - -			2	4	
Pint - - - - -			1	12	
Half Pint - - - -	1	1			
Barbers Pots - - - - -	0	10			
			1	8	each

S T O O L P A N S .

<i>In. broad</i>	<i>In.</i>	} shall weigh not	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>		} each
<i>at Top.</i>	<i>deep.</i>					
Being { 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ }	and { 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ }	} less than	}	6	0	
{ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ }	{ 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ }			3	12	
{ 11 }	{ 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ }			2	12	

C H A I R P A N S .

<i>In. broad</i>	<i>In.</i>	} shall weigh not	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>		} each
<i>at Top.</i>	<i>deep.</i>					
Being { 12 }	and { 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ }	} less than	}	4	0	
{ 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ }	{ 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ }			3	4	

D I S H S T A N D S .

Twelve Inches high	} shall weigh not less than	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>		} each
Seven Inches ditto			3	0	
Five Inches ditto			2	10	
Three Inches ditto			2	2	
			0	15	

H O O P

H O O P S T A N D S.

Large - } being at the widest End { 12 } shall weigh not { 1 10 } each
 Middle- } $10\frac{1}{4}$ } less than { 1 6 }
 Small - } $9\frac{1}{4}$ }

In. over. *lb. oz.*

Depth 2 Inches each.

P O R R I N G E R S.

		<i>Wine Pints.</i>	<i>lb. oz.</i>	
Bellied Porringers	Large -	$1\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ of a Pint $\frac{3}{4}$ of ditto $\frac{5}{8}$ of ditto	8 0 7 0 6 0 5 0	} per Dozen
	Middle -			
	Small -			
	Smallest			
Great Pints with cast Ears - - - -		containing $1\frac{1}{4}$ 1	shall weigh not less than	} per Dozen
Small Pint ditto - -				
Cast Ears flat	Large -			
	Middle -			
Small -		7 8 2 8	} per Dozen	
Blood Porringers - - -				

P O R R I N G E R S with two Handles and Covers.

Containing	Two Quarts	shall weigh not less than	3 10 2 12 1 10 1 4	} each
	Three Pints			
	Quart - -			
	Pint- - -			

B 2

F U N N E L S.

F U N N E L S.

Two Quarts -	} shall weigh not less than	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>	
Quart - - -			2	2
Pint - - - -			1	4
Half Pint - -			0	14
Quarter Pint -			0	8
			0	5

C H A M B E R P O T S.

Grand two Handle fine Metal	} containing	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>	
Ditto Ley - - - - -			10	0
Round Brim and upright fine			10	8
Ditto Ley - - - - -			6	8
			6	12

Wine Quarts. shall weigh not less than

R o u n d B r i m C H A M B E R P O T S.

Large fine Metal	} containing	}	<i>lb. oz.</i>		
Ditto Ley ditto -			Two Quarts and half a Pint	2	12
Middle fine ditto			Ditto	2	12
Ditto Ley ditto -			Two Quarts	2	8
Small fine ditto -			Ditto	2	8
Ditto Ley ditto -			Three Pints	2	0
	Ditto	2	0		

Wine Measure. shall weigh not less than

Upright

Upright Ley CHAMBER POTS.

Grand-	} containing	{	Five Pints and a Half	} shall weigh not	{	3	8	} each
Great -			Five Pints			3	0	
Middle			Two Quarts			2	8	
Small -			Three Pints and a Half			2	0	

S T I L L H E A D S.

		<i>In. over.</i>		<i>lb. oz.</i>				
Being	}	} shall weigh	} not less than	}	} each			
						14	18	0
						13	16	0
						12	12	8
						11	11	0
10	10	0						
9	9	0						

W I N E M E A S U R E S of Ley.

		<i>lb. oz.</i>			
Gallon - - -	} shall weigh	} not less than	} each		
Pottle - - -				7	8
Quart - - -				4	0
Pint - - -				2	12
Half Pint - -				1	12
Quartern - -				0	14
Half Quartern			per Doz.		
		{ 6 8			
		{ 4 0			

N. B. In Case any Member of the Company of PEWTERERS, *London*, shall use any Mould or Pattern for the making of Pewter Wares, not of the afore-mentioned Assizes, yet such Member shall be obliged to make all such Pewter Wares in Proportion to the Assizes mentioned in the foregoing TABLE, both as to Weight and Dimensions.

The STANDARD ASSAYS, as used by the Company of
PEWTERERS, London, are as follow,

	<i>Grains.</i>	<i>Grains.</i>
Affay of fine Tin - - - - -		182
Ditto of fine or Plate Metal $1\frac{1}{2}$ heavier than Tin, or -		$183\frac{1}{2}$
Ditto of Trifling Metal- - $3\frac{1}{2}$ ditto - - - - or -		$185\frac{1}{2}$
Ditto of Ley Metal - - $16\frac{1}{2}$ ditto - - - - or -		$198\frac{1}{2}$

The following Wares shall be made of Fine or Plate Metal, according to the exact Fineness in the aforefaid Table of Assays, viz.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Apothecaries Measures | Candle Moulds | |
| Bed Pans | Cranes | |
| Balneos | Cisterns | |
| Balneo Heads | Communion Cups | |
| Brandy Bottles oval | Ditto Flaggons | |
| Boats { Child's Boats | Chamber Pots (hard Metal) | |
| { Sauce Boats | Cruet Frames and Castors | |
| { Piece Basons | Cross Stands | |
| { Guinea ditto | Coufe Calls | |
| Basons. { Wash-hand ditto | Dishes { Dishes of all Sizes, deep and flat | |
| { Breakfast ditto | | { Water Dishes |
| { Portugal ditto | | { Stewing Dishes |
| { Spanish ditto | { Baking Dishes | |
| { Barbers ditto | Dish Covers | |
| Candlesticks. { Poland Candlesticks | Double Ring Stands | |
| { All Square ditto | Ewers | |
| { Six Square ditto | Fowl Boilers | |
| { British ditto | Fountains | |
| { Fluted ditto | Ice Cream Moulds | |
| { Shell ditto | Lavers | |
| { Hand ditto | Monteffs | |
| { Water ditto | | |

Maza-

Mazarines	Plate Warmers	
Olios	Pasty Pans	
Oil Measures	Porringers (hard Metal)	
Plates. {	Spoons	
	Salt Scales	
	Salt Boxes	
	Soap Boxes	
	Salvers	
	Sauce Pans	
	Saucers (hard Metal)	
Pots. {	Standishes {	
		Chest Standishes
		Water ditto
	Separating Pots	Dutch ditto
	Pill ditto	Oval ditto
Infusion ditto	Tureens	
Fumigating ditto	Tankards (hard Metal)	
Tea ditto	Urinals	
Coffee ditto		
Punch Ladles		

The following Wares to be made of trifling Metal.

Alembicks	Signs
New England Basons	Sucking Bottles
Guinea Jugs	Dish Stands
Round Candlesticks	Hoop Stands
Round Pewter Ink Stands	Stool Pans
Funnels	All Winchester Measures
Ounce Measures	Barbers Pots
Ordinary Porringers	Round Brandy Bottles
Ordinary Tankards	Pepper Castors
Ordinary Saucers	

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The following Wares to be made of Ley Metal.

Wine Measures	Syringes	
Still Heads		All Childrens Pewter Toys
Ordinary Chamber Pots		

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