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TREASURE-TROVE.

The Regulations made by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, on the 26th August, 1886, have been modified, and in future the following procedure will be adopted in regard to Treasure-Trove:—

Objects of gold or silver (whether coins, plate or bullion) which have been hidden in the soil or in buildings, and of which the original owner cannot be traced, are Treasure-Trove, and by law the property of the Crown. If, however, the finder of such objects reports the find promptly, and it is decided that it is Treasure-Trove and therefore the property of the Crown, he will receive its full market value if it is retained. The find will only be retained if required for the collections of the British Museum or other similar collection. If it is not retained the finder will receive back the objects themselves, with full liberty to do what he likes with them; or, if he wishes it, arrangements will be made to sell them for him at the best price obtainable. The only way in which a finder can comply with the law and also obtain these advantages is by reporting the find promptly to the proper authority.

The proper authority in the Isle of Man is the Government Secretary at Government Office.

Anyone therefore who finds such objects should at once report the find to the Government Secretary.

Coins and other ancient objects of copper, bronze or any metal other than gold and silver are not Treasure-Trove and finds need not be reported to the Government Secretary. But the Manx Museum is glad to hear of such finds and, if they are reported to the Government Secretary for the information of the Trustees of the Manx Museum, the latter will examine and return them or, when desired, arrange for purchase or sale.

Any further information may be obtained by applying to the Government Secretary.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,

Government Secretary.

Government Office,
ISLE OF MAN,
10th September, 1931.