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Form: Circular

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Ref: BHM: 2734 (obv) 2733 (Rev); Laidlaw: 1057;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
64.7 mm	White Metal	66.5 gm	\$75

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Raised reeded rim. Diademed bust of Queen Victoria, left. Signed: "OTTLEY BIRMM." at the foot. Legend: "HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA".

Reverse: Raised reeded rim. Front view of the exhibition building. Angel flying above, left, wreath in right hand, palm frond in left. above in three arcs: "THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION / IN THE 25TH. YEAR OF THE REIGN OF / QUEEN VICTORIA". the exergue: "OPENED 1ST. MAY 1862. / DESIGNED BY / CAPTAIN FOWKE R.E. / (line) / ERECTED BY (in an arc) / MESSRS. KELK AND LUCAS. (in an arc)".

Notes: The 1862 International Exhibition was held from 1 May to 1 November, beside the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington, London.

South Africa was represented only by Colony of Natal, the Cape Colony having refused to allocate funds. There were few agricultural products, notably from the rapidly growing sugar industry. Aspects of Zulu culture and the flora and fauna of Natal were on display.