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Form: Circular

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
35.0 mm	Gilded Bronze	15.9 gm	\$70

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: King Edward VIII, left, crowned and robed. Legend on a raised band: "EDWARD . VIII . KING . AND . EMPEROR .".

Reverse: Within a circle of alternating dots and dashes, across: "ASCENDED / THE THRONE / JAN. 20TH 1936 / ABDICATED / 10TH / 1936 / IN FAVOUR OF / H.R.H. DUKE / OF YORK". Signed in an arc below: "PINCHES LONDON".

Notes: King Edward VIII (1894-1972) was the eldest son of King George V and Queen Mary. Edward became king when his father died in early 1936. He abdicated in December of that year in favour of marriage to the American divorcee Wallis Simpson. His younger brother then became King George VI.