COIN

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A Post Medieval Spanish colonial copper alloy coin: 4-maravedis in the name of Carlos and Joanna (AD1516-1556), Santo Domingo mint, dating from AD1542-1564. Brevoort (1885:12) writes "These pieces were called 'cuartos' being one quarter of a real." The obverse has a gothic Y flanked on the left by the assayer mark 'F' for Francisco Rodriguez and on the right the denomination, Arabic figure 4. The legend reads 'CAROLVS ET IOANNA'. The reverse has the crowned pillars of Hercules flanked by the mint mark 'S' and 'P' for Santo Domingo del Puerto with the legend 'REGIS ISPANIARVM ET' (King of Spain and the Indies).

Obverse description: Crowned Y with F to the left and Arabic 4 to the right.

Obverse inscription: [CAROL]VS ET IOAN[NA]

Reverse description: Crowned pillars of Hercules, with S to the left and P to the right.

Reverse inscription: REG[IS] ISPANIA[RVM] ET

Dimensions: diameter: 26.04mm; weight: 3.10g.

Notes:

Cori Sedwick Downing writes: "Assayer F, for Francisco Rodríguez, was the only assayer of Santo Domingo Charles and Joanna coinage...S and P, the mintmarks for Santo Domingo, almost always appear on the pillars side of the coins, either as S-P or P-S (and often with retrograde S). Why S-P for Santo Domingo? No one knows for sure, the leading theories being that the original name of the city was Santo Domingo del Puerto and also bore the nickname Santo Domingo Ciudad Primada; but in any case the theory that Spain didn't send a D punch is certainly not valid, as the letter D properly appears in the legends."

These coins were minted until sometime around 1563 or 1564, bearing the names of Carlos and Joanna even into the reign of Philip II.

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Returned to finder

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL Period from: POST MEDIEVAL Period to: POST MEDIEVAL Date from: Circa AD 1542 Date to: Circa AD 1564

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1 Weight: 3.1 g

Diameter: 26.04 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Friday 22nd April 2016

Personal details

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Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy

Manufacture method: Struck or hammered

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: London (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: Greater London Authority)

District: <u>City and County of the City of London</u> (London Borough)

Parish or ward: Billingsgate (London Borough Ward)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ3380

Four figure Latitude: 51.50329348 Four figure longitude: -0.08515568

1:25K map: TQ3380 1:10K map: TQ38SW

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1000 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Other chance find Discovery circumstances: Found eyes only

General landuse: Open fresh water Specific landuse: Running water