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Queens on coins: Queen Elizabeth I

On 10 July 1561, Queen Elizabeth I made a special visit to the Royal Mint at the Tower of London. She came to see the workers busy minting her new Elizabethan coins made of silver and gold. This new money was needed to replace the poor quality coins in use at the time, which contained very little precious metal.

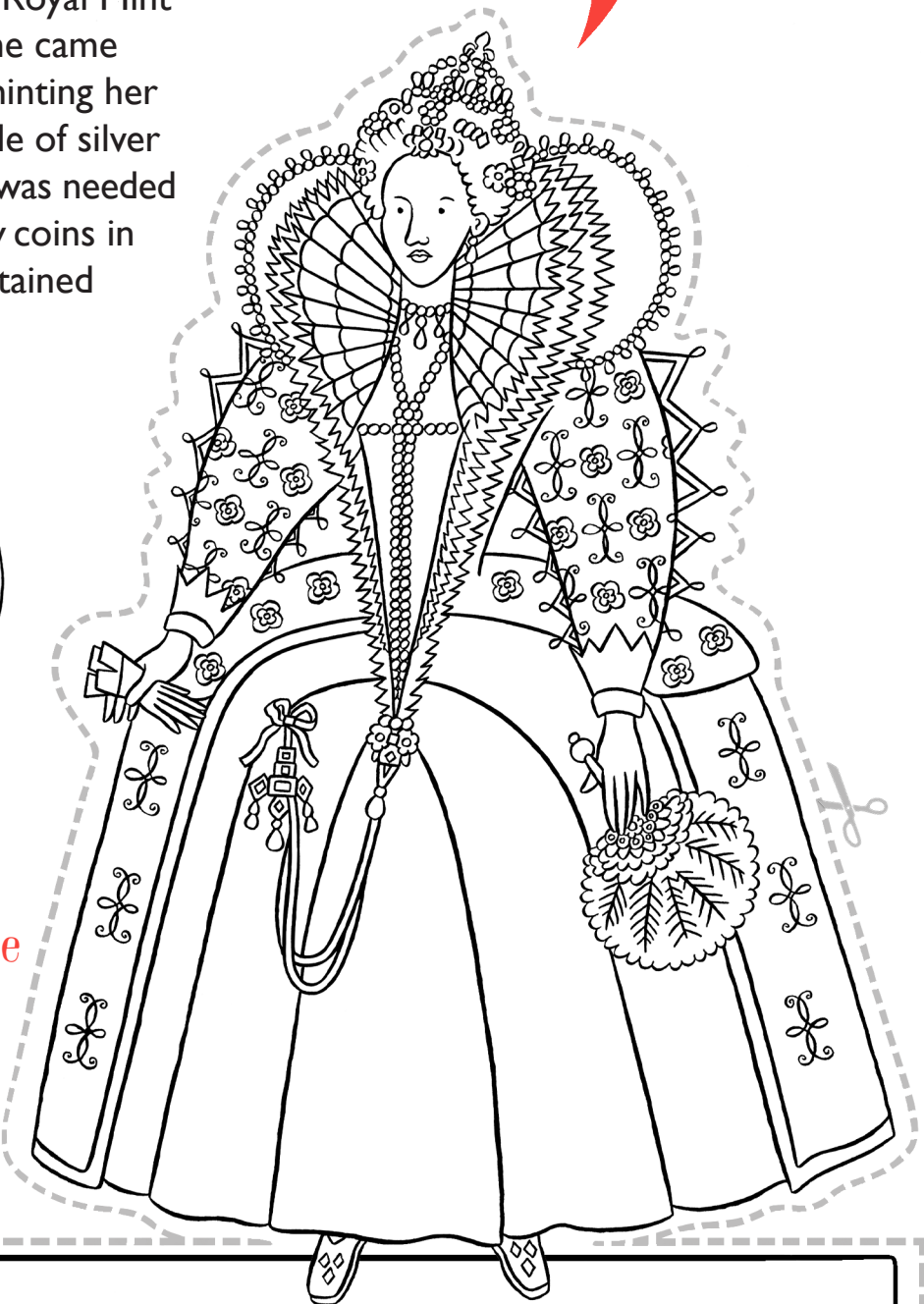
I hereby command the Royal Mint to collect and melt down England's worthless coins of old. All new coins bearing my portrait shall be minted in precious silver or gold, so that England's currency is valued and trusted once more.



Queen Elizabeth I
silver sixpence 1561

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Elizabeth I
Queen of England
and Ireland
1558–1603