

Five Pound Piece

Obv. ~~Carolus II~~ Dei Gratia

Profile to the left, laurel; neck bare; under the bust an elephant.

Rev. Mag. Br. Fra et Hib Rex 1664.

Four crowned shields of England,

Ireland, Scotland and France.

In the centre four C's interlinked, and in the quarters four sceptres each

surmounted by a badge, the cross for England, the harp for Ireland

the thistle for Scotland and the fleur-de-lis for France

These were struck of the gold imported by the African Company; and to encourage them to bring over gold to be coined they were permitted to have their stamps of an elephant

upon the money made of the  
African gold. Some of the coins  
have a castle upon the elephant's  
back.

I believe Charles II was the first  
to coin £ 5.0.0-pieces. They were  
also coined in the following  
reigns - James II. William and  
Mary, William alone. Anne -  
George I, II, III.

Extract - Revolving Coinage of  
Great Britain. Some were  
coined without the elephant