



“A Nasty Story”

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“We can do something about that”. The writer was told by a well-known numismatist of this being said to him by one of an interested party (not the successful bidder) on their being advised that bids being left for this coin were unrealistically high, given its wear and effacement of features on the King’s portrait, a determining marketability detail. It was knocked down on the phone to a well-known dealer for a ludicrous £8000 excluding premium, and returned on the basis that ‘the King’s head was flat’ (sic). The writer was told that if we did as he asked, he might give the business £50,000 coins to sell; (reply omitted here). The client was reminded that he examined the coin in detail, was observed by one not connected with the business as having been given high resolution photographs – and of his legal obligations.

(Lockdales’ Sale #165. May 2019. Lot 2224.)