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**Form:** Circular

**By:** ?

**Date:** 1821

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0849;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	28.5 mm	Bronze	7.9 gm	\$80
	28.9 mm	Gilded Bronze	7.6 gm	\$80

**Edge:** Upright reeded.

**Obverse:** Within a toothed border round the rim, grave of Napoleon marked by cross with: "N" on top. To the left, kneeling woman (angel) with small wreath in left hand. Imperial eagle below. Two overhanging trees on the right, their trunks outlining a circular image of Napoleon standing and overlooking his grave. Sea and hills in the distance with: "NAPOLEON" in an arc above the scene. A moon above that.

**Reverse:** Within a toothed border round the rim, across: "BORN AUGUST. 15 1769 (in an arc) / (ornamental line) / FIRST CONSUL DEC. 14 1799 / EMPEROR MAY 18 1804 / ABDICATED MAY 14 1814 / EXILED TO ST HELENA / AUG. 8 1815 / (ornamental line) / DIED MAY 5TH. 1821 (in an arc)".

**Notes:** St. Helena is a small island in the South Atlantic 2000 km west of Southern Africa. After Napoléon's defeat at the the Battle of Waterloo, he was taken to the island in October 1815 where he resided as a captive in Longwood House until his death on May 5, 1821.