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**Form:** Circular holed at 12 o'clock for a link ring to a second ring

**By:** ?

**Date:** 1901

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0748;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.9 mm	Gilded White Metal	17.1 gm	\$45

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Conjoined bareheaded busts of the Duke and Duchess, left, he in uniform. Legend: "T.R.H. THE DUKE & DUCHESS OF CORNWALL & YORK".

**Reverse:** Coat of arms of the Cape Colony with antelope supporters, Hope crest and motto on a ribbon below: SPES BONA". Above three concentric arcs: "TO COMMEMORATE / THE VISIT OF / T.R.H." and below on two concentric arcs: "THE DUKE & DUCHESS / OF CORNWALL & YORK TO SIMON'S TOWN 1901".

**Notes:** The visit to South Africa was part of a world tour of British Colonies to show Royal appreciation for their support during the Boer War.

Simon's Town is a town near Cape Town on the shores of False Bay, on the eastern side of the Cape Peninsula. It is an important naval base and harbour, first for the Royal Navy and now the South African Navy. The town is named after Simon van der Stel, an early governor of the Cape Colony.