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Form: Circular

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
28.1 mm	Yellow Metal	9.9 gm	\$22

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Bareheaded bust of Smith in uniform, left. Signed: "TW" below. Legend above: "HENRY GEORGE WAKELYN SMITH" below: "1847-1852".

Reverse: Oblique areal view of Cape Town Castle. Figure of Hope with anchor seated below. Signed: "TW" below her on the left. "THE CASTLE OF GOOD HOPE . (VOC Cape monogram at top) . HET KASTEEL DIE GOEDE HOOP .".

Notes: Sir Henry George Wakelyn "Harry" Smith (1787-1860) was a noted English soldier during the Napoleonic Wars and governor of the Cape Colony between 1847 and 1852. During his term in office he expanded the borders of the colony by annexing territories to the north and east, notably the Orange Free State and British Kaffraria. The Town of Harrysmith in the Free State is named after him and the town of Ladysmith in Natal is named after his Spanish born wife.