

thereupon or therein to be forged or counterfeited, and with intent to defraud His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors or the persons appointed or to be appointed to pay off the same or any of them, or to pay any interest thereon, or the person or persons, Officer or Officers, body or bodies politic or corporate, who shall issue or exchange the same for Bills of Exchange, or any of them or any other person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate whatever, then every such person or persons so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged a felon, and shall suffer as in cases of Felony, without benefit of Clergy.

Penalty on persons stealing Army Bills.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall steal or take by robbery any Army Bill or Bills, being the property of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or of any other person or persons, or of any corporation, it shall be deemed and construed to be Felony of the same nature and in the same degree and with or without the Benefit of Clergy, in the same manner, as it would have been if the offender had stolen or taken by robbery any other goods of like value with the money due on such Army Bill, or Bills or secured thereby, and remaining unsatisfied; and such offender shall suffer such punishment as he or she should or might have done, if he or she had stolen other goods of the like value, with the monies due on such Army Bill or Bills, or secured thereby and remaining unsatisfied, any Law to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Contracts to be void in which any distinction shall be made, between Army Bills and Cash.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons in any contract, covenant, agreement, promise or other engagement whatever, written or verbal, shall specially undertake to pay, or stipulate to be paid for any work, labour, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels or estate moveable or immoveable, or for any other matter or thing whatever in specie or in any gold, silver or copper Coin, or shall otherwise make any distinction in value between the Current Coin and Money of this Province, and such Army Bills as aforesaid, then and in every such case, such contract, covenant, agreement, promise or other engagement, written or verbal as aforesaid, shall be utterly and entirely null and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and every and any such undertaking to pay or stipulation to be paid in specie or in any gold, silver or copper Coin as aforesaid, and every such distinction in value as aforesaid, so made as aforesaid, shall and may be proved in every and any of His Majesty's Courts of Law in this Province by parol proof, any Law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

No arrest, if a tender in Army Bills be made.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for and during the period of five years, to be computed from the first day of August one Thousand eight hundred and twelve, no person shall be held to special bail upon any process issuing out of any Court of Judicature in this Province, unless the affidavit which shall be made for that purpose, according to the provisions contained in the Ordinance made and passed in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the third, intituled, "An Ordinance to regulate the proceedings in the
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