

had for his own use or for the use or benefit of another, shall be deemed and taken to have such matter in his custody or possession within the meaning of this Act.

XX. That any person who shall commit any offence against this Act, and every accessory before and after such offence, may be dealt with, indicted, tried and punished in any District in which the principal in the first degree shall be apprehended or be in custody, as if the offence had been actually committed therein. Where offences against this Act may be tried.

XXI. That any person, who shall within this Province, forge, counterfeit, alter or erase, or offer; utter, dispose of, and put off, any matter, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeited, altered or erased, the forging whereof may be Felony under this Act, which may have been or may purport to have been, made in any country out of this Province; or which may, or may purport to, secure or be conditioned for the payment of money or other value in any country out of this Province, and in whatever language such matter be expressed, shall be guilty of Felony, and together with his aiders, abettors and counsellors, shall be punishable in like manner under this Act as if the forged matter had or had purported to have been payable within this Province. As to forged Notes &c. payable out of the Province, or expressed in any Foreign language.

XXII. That principals in the first degree in every Felony under this Act, shall be punishable by being kept confined at hard labor in the Penitentiary of this Province for any term not less than years, nor more than years; and every principal in the second degree and every accessory before the fact, shall be punishable for every offence under this Act in like manner as the principal in the first degree; and every accessory after the fact shall be liable to imprisonment in any common Gaol for any term less than two years. Punishment of Principals and accessories.

XXIII. That no witness shall be deemed incompetent in support of any prosecution under this Act, by reason of any interest which he may have in respect of any forged matter given in evidence at the trial, provided always that the evidence of such interested witness shall not be sufficient to sustain a conviction, unless it be corroborated by other legal evidence. As to testimony of witnesses interested in forged matters.

XXIV. That whenever any Judge of any Court Civil or Criminal, shall be satisfied by affidavit that there is reasonable or probable cause to suspect that any forged, counterfeited, altered or erased matter is contained in, or concealed among the records of any public officer, Notary, Registrar, or other, he shall or may grant a search warrant under his hand, to any discreet and proper person, to search such records, and attach such forged matter, and to bring the same before him or some other Judge to be impounded or otherwise dealt with, as to justice may appertain. Judge may grant search warrant to discover forged matter among records of Public Officers.

XXV. That whenever any Justice of the Peace shall be satisfied by affidavit that there is reasonable or probable cause to suspect that any forged, counterfeited, or altered note, deed, instrument or other matter, or any plate, paper, or other instrument or material, designed or prepared for the purpose of committing any offence against this Act, is concealed in any building or place, or upon the person of any individual, it shall be lawful for such Justice to grant a search warrant to search such building or place, or to arrest and search the person suspected, or both, for such matter or instrument. Justices may grant warrant to search for forged matters in certain cases.