

to steal a post letter bag, or a post letter from a post letter bag, or a post letter from any Post Office, or from a mail, or to stop a mail with intent to rob or search the same, shall be felony, punishable by imprisonment in the said Jail, for a period not more than four years, nor less than two years; and that to open unlawfully any post letter bag, or unlawfully to take any letter out of such bag, shall be felony, punishable by imprisonment in the said Jail for not more than two years; and that to receive any post letter or post letter bag, or any chattel, money, or valuable security, the stealing, taking, secreting, or embezzling whereof is hereby made felony, knowing the same to have been feloniously stolen, taken, embezzled, or secreted, shall be felony, punishable by imprisonment in the said Jail for not more than two years; and the offender may be indicted and convicted, either as an accessory after the fact or for a substantive felony; and, in the latter case, whether the principal felon hath or hath not been previously convicted, or shall not be amenable to justice, and however such receiver shall be convicted, the offence shall be punishable as aforesaid; and that to forge, counterfeit, or imitate any postage stamp used under the authority of this Act, or by or under the authority of the Government, or proper authority of the United Kingdom, or of any British North American Province, or of any Foreign Country, or knowingly to use any such forged, counterfeit, or imitated stamp, or to engrave, cut, sink, or make any plate, die, or other thing, whereby to forge, counterfeit, or imitate such stamp, or any part or portion thereof, except by the permission in writing of the Postmaster General, or of some officer or person who, under the regulations to be made in that