

lent purpose takes from its place of deposit, or conceals any such copy of any register, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement. 5

*As to demanding property upon forged instruments.*

Demanding property upon forged instruments.

44. Whosoever, with intent to defraud, demands, receives, or obtains, or causes or procures to be delivered or paid to any person, or endeavors to receive or obtain, or to cause or procure to be delivered or paid to any person, any chattel, money, security for money, or other property 10 whatsoever, under, upon, or by virtue of any forged or altered instrument whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged or altered, or under, upon, or by virtue of any probate or letters of administration, knowing the will, testament, codicil, or testamentary writing, on which such probate or letters of administration are obtained to have 15 been forged or altered, or knowing such probate or letters of administration to have been obtained by any false oath, affirmation or affidavit, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not exceeding fourteen years and not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confine- 20 ment for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

*As to cases not otherwise provided for.*

Forging any document or writing whatsoever.

45. Whosoever maliciously and for any purpose of fraud or deceit, forges any document or thing written, printed or otherwise made capable of being read, or utters any such forged document or thing 25 knowing the same to be forged, is guilty of felony and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for life, or for any term not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term not less than two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement; and the wilful altera- 30 tion for any purpose of fraud or deceit, of any such document or thing or of any document or thing the forging of which is made penal by this Act, shall be held to be a forging thereof.

*As to other matters.*

Forging any instrument, however designated, which is in law a will, bill of exchange, &c.

46. Where by this or any other Act any person is or shall hereafter be made liable to punishment for forging or altering, or for offering, 35 uttering, disposing of, or putting off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any instrument or writing designated in such Act by any special name or description, and such instrument or writing, however designated, is in law a will, testament, codicil or testamentary writing, or a deed, bond or writing obligatory, or a bill of exchange, or 40 a promissory note for the payment of money, or an indorsement on, or assignment of a bill of exchange, or promissory note for the payment of money, or an acceptance of a bill of exchange, or an undertaking, warrant, order, authority, or request for the payment of money, or an indorsement on or assignment of an undertaking, warrant, order, 45 authority, or request for the payment of money, within the true intent and meaning of this Act, in every such case the person forging or altering such instrument or writing, or offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off such instrument or writing, knowing the same to be forged or altered, may be indicted as an offender against this Act, and pun- 50 ished accordingly.