

break such coin,—and if the same shall be counterfeit, the person who tendered it shall bear the loss,—otherwise the person who shall have cut or broken it shall receive it for a sum proportionate to its weight ;—and if any question shall arise whether such coin be counterfeit,—it shall be determined by any justice of the peace,—who, if he entertain any doubt in that behalf, may summon three skilful persons, the decision of a majority of whom shall be final.

Disputes how to be decided.

XVI. And be it enacted,—that if any false or counterfeit coin shall be produced in any court of law,—the court shall order the same to be cut in pieces in open court, or in the presence of a justice of the peace, and then delivered to or for the lawful owner thereof.

Also if produced in any court.

4 & 5 VICT. CAP. XVII.

An Act to prevent the fraudulent manufacture, importation, or circulation of Spurious Copper and Brass Coin.

[18th September, 1841.]

WHEREAS great frauds have been practised upon the inhabitants of this Province, by evil disposed persons, who have imported into the same, or manufactured therein, spurious copper or brass coin or tokens, for the purpose of passing them for a much higher value than they were intrinsically worth :—Be it therefore enacted; &c., that no copper or brass coin or tokens of any description,—except the lawful copper coin of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,—shall be Imported into this Province,—nor shall any copper or brass coin or tokens be manufactured therein,—except under the authority of an express permission—to some certain person or persons, body politic or corporate,—to import or manufacture the same,—granted by and under the hand of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of the Province, who is hereby authorized to grant such permission—by and with the advice and consent of the executive council thereof;—such permission containing—a description of the coin or tokens to which it shall extend,—the quantity thereof to be imported or manufactured,—and the time during which such permission shall be in force :—Provided always,—that such permission shall be announced in the Official Gazette or Gazettes :—Provided also,—that all coins imported or manufactured as aforesaid, shall in purity, weight and quality, be equal to five-sixths at the least, of

Preamble.

No copper or brass coin or token, except the lawful coin of the United Kingdom to be imported, nor any to be manufactured in the Province,—unless by the permission of the Governor, &c., with the consent of the executive council.

See also Imp. Act 5 & 6 V. c.

49. s. 4.

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