

Proof of law-
ful purpose on
whom to lie.

Justice of the
peace may is-
sue a warrant
to search the
premises of
persons sus-
pected of coun-
terfeiting.

If plates, dies,
&c. are found,
how they shall
be disposed of.

When to be
destroyed.

Counterfeit
coin tendered
in payment
may be broken.

or imitated be or be not established within this Province,)—in cir-
culation in this Province,—or in any one of the United States of
America adjoining this Province,—such person shall be guilty of a
misdemeanor, and shall be liable to punishment accordingly:—And
the proof that such die, plate, press, tool or instrument, paper, metal
or material—was formed, made, cut, sunk, stamped, engraved, re-
paired or mended by—or was in the possession of such person for
some lawful purpose—shall lie upon him or her.

XIV. And be it enacted,—that it shall be lawful for any one jus-
tice of the peace—on complaint made before him upon the oath of
one credible person,—that there is just cause to suspect—that any
person or persons is or are or hath or have been concerned in making,
counterfeiting or imitating any such coin, bank-note, bill, note or
writing as aforesaid,—by warrant under the hand of such justice of
the peace,—to cause the dwelling-house, room, work-shop, out-house
or other buildings, yard, garden, ground or other place belonging to
such suspected person or persons,—or where such suspected person
or persons shall be suspected to carry on any such making, counter-
feiting or imitating,—to be searched for any such counterfeit coin,
bank-notes, bills, notes or writings:—And if any such, or any such
die, plate, press, tool or instrument, paper, metal or material, as
aforesaid, shall be found—in the possession or custody of any person
or persons whomsoever, not having the same for some lawful pur-
pose,—it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons
discovering the same,—to seize,—and he or they are hereby author-
ized and required to seize and carry the same forthwith before a jus-
tice of the peace having jurisdiction within the locality in which the
same shall be seized,—who shall cause the same to be secured and
produced in evidence against any person or persons who shall or may
be prosecuted for any such offence, as aforesaid, in any court of com-
petent jurisdiction,—and the same after being so produced in evidence
shall by order of the court be defaced or destroyed, or otherwise dis-
posed of as the court shall direct.

XV. And be it enacted,—that any person to whom any pretend-
ed gold, silver or copper coin, shall be tendered in payment,—which
shall by the stamp, impression, colour or weight thereof, afford
reason to suspect that the same is false or counterfeit,—may cut or