

VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all such false or counterfeit brass or copper money, may be seized by any person having a warrant from a justice of the peace for that purpose, and shall be broken or defaced in open court after being found to be false or counterfeit, or in presence of a justice of the peace, and one moiety shall then belong to his majesty, his heirs and successors, to be applied to the public uses of this province, and the support of the civil government thereof, the due application of which shall be accounted for to his majesty, his heirs and successors, through the commissioners of his majesty's treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as his majesty shall direct; and the other moiety thereof shall belong to the person who shall have seized and prosecuted for the same.

Such brass or copper money to be seized & defaced, & one moiety thereof to belong to his majesty, & the other to the informer.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be obliged to receive at any one payment more than the sum of one shilling currency of this province in copper money.

Tender in copper money limited to 1/ at one payment.

VIII. *AND* whereas it would be a great facility in making payments if gold coins were weighed in bulk, and not in single pieces as heretofore has been customary; Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in every payment exceeding the sum of fifty pounds currency, which shall be made in gold coin after the first day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, where one of the parties making or receiving the same shall require it, such gold shall be weighed in bulk and not in single pieces; that is to say, the gold of Great-Britain, Portugal and America together, and that of Spain and France together, from the weight of which a deduction shall be made of two thirds of a grain Troy, for each piece of gold coin so weighed as a compensation for the loss that may accrue in paying away the same in detail: and in all payments so made, the gold coin of Great-Britain, Portugal and America, shall be computed at the rate of eighty-nine shillings currency for each ounce Troy, and that of Spain and France, at the rate of eighty-seven shillings currency for each ounce Troy, therein contained after such deduction made, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity.

After the 1st of June, 1797, the gold coins, in payments exceeding 50l. shall be weighed in bulk if either of the parties require it.  
In what manner.

At what rate computed,

IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person or persons to whom any gold, silver or copper money shall be tendered in payment, any piece whereof shall by the stamp, impression, colour or weight thereof afford reason to suspect that the same, or any piece thereof, is false and counterfeit, such person or persons to whom the same is presented may cut, break or deface every such piece, and if any piece so cut, broken or defaced, shall be found to be false and counterfeit, the person tendering such false and counterfeit money shall bear the loss thereof; but if the same shall be found to be good and lawful money, the person that cut, broke or defaced the same, shall receive the same at the rate it was coined for.

Suspected pieces of money may be broken, cut or defaced.

By whom the loss arising thereby shall be borne.

X. *AND* if any question shall arise whether any piece so cut, broken, or defaced, be false or counterfeit it shall be determined by a justice of the peace, who, if he shall have any doubts touching the same, may summon three indifferent persons to give their opinion thereon, whose opinions, or the majority thereof shall be final.

Decision of questions arising thereupon.

XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any false or counterfeit gold or silver coin shall be produced in any court of justice in this province, the judges shall cause the same to be cut in pieces in open court, or in the presence of a justice of the peace, and there be delivered to or for the person or persons to whom it belongs.

Counterfeit gold & silver coin, produced in a court of justice, how disposed of.

XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, the act or ordinance made in the seventeenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An ordinance for regulating the currency of the province." be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of ordinance 17, Geo. 3. for regulating the currency.