

one shilling and one penny; the Spanish milled dollar, at five shillings, equal to four shillings and six pence sterling money of Great-Britain; the Spanish pistereen at one shilling; the French crown coined before the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, at five shillings and six pence; the French piece of four livres ten sols Tournois, at four shillings and two pence; the French piece of thirty-six sols Tournois, at one shilling and eight pence, the French piece of twenty-four sols Tournois, at one shilling and one penny; the American dollar, at five shillings, and all the higher and lower denominations of the said gold and silver coins shall also pass current, and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever in this province, in the same proportions respectively.

Allowance for excess or deficiency in the standard weight of pieces of gold, paid by detail.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That for every grain which any piece of the aforesaid gold coins shall respectively weigh more than the standard aforesaid, there shall be allowed and added in all payments made in pieces of gold by detail, two pence and one farthing currency; and for every grain which any piece of the same shall respectively weigh less than the standard aforesaid, there shall be deducted in all payments, two pence and one farthing currency.

Counterfeiting or falsifying such current coins shall be deemed felony,

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person or persons, who shall color, gild or case over with gold or silver, or with any wash or materials producing the colour of gold or silver, any coin of coarse gold, or of coarse silver, or of base metal resembling any such foreign coin so declared current, and any person or persons, who shall gild over any piece of silver resembling any such foreign coin so declared current, and any person or persons who shall bring or cause to be brought into this province, any forged or counterfeit money like to the foreign gold or silver coin so declared current, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeit, or any coin of coarse gold, or of coarse silver, or of base metal, coloured, gilded or cased over with gold or silver, or with any wash or materials producing the colour of gold or silver, and resembling any such foreign coin, or any piece of gilded, silver resembling any such foreign coin knowing the same, every such person shall for every such offence be deemed guilty of felony and upon conviction thereof, in his majesty's court of his bench suffer death, as in cases of felony.

or knowingly importing such counterfeit & falsified coins.

Punishment for uttering or tendering false & counterfeit money knowingly.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person whosoever, shall after the passing of this act, utter or tender in payment to any person or persons, any false or counterfeit money, counterfeit to any of the gold or silver coins of Great-Britain, Portugal, the United States of America, Spain or France, as herein before specified, or to any of the higher or lower denominations thereof, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, and shall be thereof convicted, such person so offending shall suffer one year's imprisonment, and shall also be set in and upon the pillory for the space of one hour in some public and conspicuous place; and if the same person shall afterwards offend a second time, in uttering or tendering in payment any such false or counterfeit money as aforesaid, knowing the same to be so, and shall be convicted of such second offence, he or she shall be, and is hereby adjudged to be guilty of felony without benefit of clergy.

A second offence to be deemed felony.

Punishment for importing false or counterfeit brass or copper money to sell or pass away.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person or persons who shall after the passing of this act, import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into this province, any false or counterfeit brass or copper money, in order to sell or pass away the same, knowing the same to be false and counterfeit, every such person shall for every such offence, besides forfeiting the same, suffer imprisonment at the discretion of the justice or justices, judge or judges of the court of his majesty's bench, or oyer and terminer, before whom such person or persons shall be tried and convicted; Provided always, That such imprisonment shall not exceed twelve calendar months.