

An Act to amend and consolidate the Law in relation to the crimes of Forgery and False Personation.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Laws in Preamble. relation to the crimes of Forgery and False Personation: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That from and after the day of next, all the Legislative enactments of this Province, or of the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, relating to the said crimes or containing provisions respecting the matters legislated for in this Act, or inconsistent therewith, be repealed, and the following enactments be substituted therefor:—Provided always, that any offence against any such enactment now in force, committed before that day, for any crime of Forgery or of offering or uttering of any forged matter, respecting which no provision is hereinafter contained, may be tried and dealt with as if this Act had not been passed, but shall receive a punishment not greater than that provided in this Act for crimes of a like nature.

Former laws repealed.

Proviso, as to offences committed before this Act shall be in force.

II. That any person, who shall forge or counterfeit the great seal of this Province or of either of the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, or the Seal at Arms of the Governor or person administering the Government of this Province, or any Document or instrument of an official character and relating to the public affairs of this Province, or purporting so to be, shall be guilty of Felony.

Forging Great Seal or documents relative to public affairs.

III. That any person, who shall forge, counterfeit, alter or erase any public register, roll, record or book, appointed by Law to be kept in any Public Office of or connected with any Department of the Government of this Province, or in any Municipal, Registry, or other office for the transaction of Public Business, or by any officer of any of the said offices, or by any officer, minister, or other person required or authorized by Law to keep the same, or any part of any such public register, roll, record or book, or any certified copy of, or certified extract from any such public register, roll, record or book, or any matter purporting so to be, shall be guilty of Felony.

Forging Registers, Records, &c.

IV. That any person, who shall forge, counterfeit, alter or erase any Letters Patent, commission, writ, warrant, order, marriage, auctioneer's or other license, certificate, land or other scrip, official letter or other written authority or permission, sealed or unsealed, made, granted, given, enrolled, signed or certified by the person administering the Government of this Province, or by any other Public Officer, or person acting in a public or official capacity acting under any Law or competent authority, or any certified copy of, or certified extract therefrom, or any matter purporting so to be, shall be guilty of Felony.

Forging Letters Patent commissions, License, &c.