

Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, the above species of Coins, or any of them, according to the above rates, shall be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and contracts, that have, or shall be made within this Province, where there is no special agreement to the contrary, drawn up in writing or before sufficient witnesses; and that in all agreements, prior to, or since the Conquest of this Province, which have been made in Livres, according to the method of computation heretofore in use, the Livre shall be estimated equal to One Shilling of the Currency hereby established, the Dollar to be equal to Six Livres, or Six Shillings, and in the same proportion for every Coin herein specified.

And whereas practice has been introduced of cutting Dollars, and of passing the fragments as small change at an arbitrary value, and the same being liable to great fraud and abuse. It is hereby further ordained and declared, that from the date of the publication hereof no parts of Dollars, or any other Coin, so cut, or otherwise clipped shall be admitted to pass current by way of change in any part of this Province, and that all persons, uttering or passing any such, upon conviction thereof by the oath of one credible witness, before one or more Justices of the Peace, shall for the first offence forfeit the sum of Ten Shillings, current money of the Province, and twenty for the second, besides one month's imprisonment; the said fines so levied, to be applied to His Majesty's use.

And, in order to prevent the importation of Copper in such abundance as to drain the Country of its Gold and Silver. It is hereby further ordained and declared, by the authority aforesaid, that from the date of the publication hereof, all Sols Marqués whether old or new, shall pass only as farthings, that is to say, from the date of the publication hereof, until the first day of January next, Forty-eight Sols Marqués shall be deemed equal to one Shilling Halifax, and Thirty of Sols Marqués equal to one Shilling York