

Forgery of
Bank notes, &c.

XLII. If any person or persons shall forge or counterfeit the common seal of the said Bank, or shall forge or counterfeit or alter any bond, obligation, bill obligatory or of credit, or other bill or note of the said Bank, or any indorsement or indorsements thereon, with an intention to defraud the said Bank, or any other person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, or institution or institutions, whomsoever and whatsoever, or shall offer or pass any forged, counterfeit or altered bond, obligation, bill obligatory or of credit, or other bill or note of the said Bank, or indorsement or indorsements thereon, or shall demand the money therein mentioned, knowing the same to be forged, counterfeit or altered, every such person, for every such offence, upon conviction thereof in due form of law, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony. 5 10

To be felony.

Engraving
Bank notes
without
authority, &c.

XLIII. If any person shall engrave, form, make or mend any plate or plates, paper, rolling press, or other tool, instrument or material, devised, adapted or designed for stamping, forging or making any false or counterfeit bill of exchange, promissory note, undertaking or order, for the payment of money, purporting to be the bill of exchange, promissory note, undertaking or order of the said Bank, or of any of the officers or persons engaged in the management of the affairs of the said Bank, in the name or on behalf thereof, or shall have in his possession any such plate or plates, engraven in any part, or any such paper, rolling press, or other tool, instrument or material devised, adapted or designed as aforesaid, with the intent to use and employ the same, or to cause or permit the same to be used and employed in forging and making any such false and counterfeit bills of exchange, promissory notes, undertakings or orders, every person so offending shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of felony, and the proof that such plate, paper, rolling press, or other tool, instrument or material, as aforesaid, was formed, made, engraven or mended by, or was in the possession of such person for some lawful purpose, shall lie upon him or her. 15 20 25 30

To be felony

Punishment of
felony under
this Act.

XLIV. Every person convicted of felony under this Act, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor in the Provincial Penitentiary, for any term not less than two years, or by imprisonment in any other Gaol or place of confinement, for anyless term than two years, in the discretion of the Court before which he shall be convicted. 35

Power to
search for
forged notes or
machinery
used in forging

XLV. It shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace, on complaint made before him, upon the oath of one credible person, that there is just cause to suspect, that any one or more person or persons is or are, or hath or have been concerned in making or counterfeiting any false bills of exchange, promissory notes, undertakings or orders of the said Bank, or hath in his possession, any plates, presses, or other instruments, tools, or materials for making or counterfeiting the same or any part thereof, by warrant under the hand of such Justice, to cause the dwelling-house, room, workshop or outhouse, or other building, yard, garden, or other place belonging to such suspected person or persons, or where any such person or persons shall be suspected of carrying on any such making or counterfeiting, to be searched; and if any such false bills of exchange, promissory notes, undertakings or orders, or any plates, presses, or other tools, instruments, or materials, shall be found in the custody or possession of any person or persons whomsoever, not having the same by lawful authority, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whomsoever discovering the same, to seize, and he or they 40 45 50

How to be
dealt with if
found.