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An Act for the Punishment of Warehousemen and others giving False Receipts for Merchandize, and of Persons receiving Advances upon Goods, and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same.

WHEREAS frauds have been committed by the giving of false receipts for merchandize by Warehousemen and others, and by parties having received advances on merchandize afterwards disposing of them to the injury of the parties making such advances: For the prevention of such frauds, be it enacted; &c., Preamble.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That if the Keeper of any Warehouse, or any Agent, Clerk, or other person employed in or about any Warehouse, or if any other Factor or Agent, or any Clerk or other person employed in or about the business of such Factor or Agent, shall give to any person a writing purporting to be a receipt for, or an acknowledgment of any goods or other property having been received in his Warehouse, or in the Warehouse in or about which he shall be employed, or in any other manner received by him or by the person in or about whose business he shall be employed, before the goods or other property named in such receipt or acknowledgment shall have been actually delivered to him as aforesaid, with intent to mislead, deceive, injure or defraud any person or persons whomsoever, or if any person shall accept or transmit or use any such false receipt or acknowledgment, the Persons giving false receipts for goods or making use of such false receipts to be guilty of a misdemeanour.