

or persons shall be suspected to carry on any such making, or counterfeiting, to be searched for any such false Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, undertakings, or orders; and if any such false Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, undertakings or orders, or any such plates, rolling-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 some lawful authority, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons whomsoever discovering the same, to seize, and he and they are hereby authorized and required to seize such false or counterfeit Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, undertakings or orders, and such plates, rolling-presses, or other tools, instruments or materials, and to carry the same forthwith before a Justice of the Peace of the county or district in which the same shall be seized, who shall cause the same to be secured, and produced in evidence against any person or persons who shall or may be prosecuted for any of the offences aforesaid in some Court of Justice proper for the determination thereof; and the same after being so produced in evidence, shall by order of the Court before which such offender or offenders shall be tried, be defaced or destroyed, or otherwise disposed of, as such Court shall direct.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices, and other persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue and be in force 'till the first day of June, in the year of our Lord onethousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and no longer.