

Penalty on
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VII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall engrave, form, make or mend any plate or plates, paper, rolling press, or other tool, instrument or material, devised, adapted and designed for stamping, forging, or making any false and 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 of British North America, or of any of the officers or persons engaged in the management of the concerns of the Bank, in the name and on the behalf of the said Bank; or shall have in his possession any such plate or plates engraven in any part, or any 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 being thereof convicted, shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Search warrants may is-
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VIII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to, and for any one 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 such false Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes undertakings, or orders as aforesaid, by Warrant under the hand of such Justice, to cause the dwelling house, room, workshop, outhouse, or other buildings, yard, garden or other place belonging to such suspected person or persons, or where any such person 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 the offences aforesaid, in some Court of Justice proper for the determination thereof; and the same, after being 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.

IX.