

Search may
be made for
counterfeit
notes, or tools
or materials
for making
them, &c.

How the same
shall be dealt
with if found.

Duration of
this Act and
the Act
amended.

Commence-
ment of this
Act.

XII. It shall and may be lawful to send for any Justice of the Peace, on complaint made before him on 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 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 some lawful authority, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons whomsoever discovering the same, to seize, and he or they are hereby authorized and required to seize such false or counterfeit bills of exchange, promissory notes, undertakings or orders, and such plates, presses or other tools, instruments or materials, and to carry the same forthwith before a Justice of the Peace of the County or District (or if more convenient of the adjoining County or District) in which the same shall be seized, and shall cause the same to be secured and produce 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 be defaced or destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as such Court shall direct.

XIII. This Act, and so much of the said Act mentioned in the preamble, as is not repealed by this Act, shall be and remain in force until the first day of January, which will be in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and from that time until the end of the then next Session of the Parliament of this Province and no longer.

XIV. The foregoing sections of this Act shall have force and effect upon from and after the day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and not before; and the said sections only shall be understood or intended by the word "this Act," whenever in any of them the time when this Act shall be in force is mentioned.