



Forgery Act 1913

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16 Search warrants

- (1) If it shall be made to appear by information on oath before a justice of the peace that there is reasonable cause to believe that any person has in his custody or possession without lawful authority or excuse—
- (a) any bank note ; or
 - (b) any implement for making paper or imitation of the paper used for bank notes ; or
 - (c) any material having thereon any words, forms, devices, or characters capable of producing or intended to produce the impression of a bank note ; or
 - (d) any forged document, seal, or die ; or
 - (e) any machinery, implement, utensil, or material used or intended to be used for the forgery of any document;

the justice may grant a warrant to search for the same ; and if the same shall be found on search, it shall be lawful to seize it and carry it before a justice of the county or place in which the warrant was issued, to be by him disposed of according to law.

- (2) Every document, seal, or die lawfully seized under such warrant shall be defaced and destroyed or otherwise disposed of—
- (a) by order of the court before which the offender is tried; or
 - (b) if there be no trial, by order of a justice of the peace ; or
 - (c) if it affects the public revenue, by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue or the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, as the case may require ; or
 - (d) if it affects any of the companies of Goldsmiths or Guardians referred to in the Gold and Silver Wares Act, 1844, by the said company or guardians.