



Forgery Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 98

As to making and engraving Plates, &c. for Bank Notes, &c.:—

14 Making or having Mould for making Paper with the Words " Bank of England," or "Bank of Ireland," or with curved Bar Lines, &c., or selling such Paper.

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall make or use, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the making of Paper with the Words " Bank of England" or " Bank of Ireland" or any Part of such Words intended to resemble and pass for the same, visible in the Substance of the Paper, or for the making of Paper with curved or waving Bar Lines, or with the laying Wire Lines thereof in a waving or curved Shape, or with any Number, Sum, or Amount expressed in a Word or Words in Roman Letters, visible in the Substance of the Paper, or with any Device or Distinction peculiar to and appearing in the Substance of the Paper used by the Governor and Company of the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively for any Notes, Bills of Exchange, or Bank Post Bills of such Banks respectively, or shall make, use, sell, expose to Sale, utter, or dispose of, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper whatsoever with the Words "Bank of *England*" or " Bank of *Ireland*," or any Part of such Words intended to resemble and pass for the same, visible in the Substance of the Paper, or any Paper with curved or waving Bar Lines, or with the laying Wire Lines thereof in a waving or curved Shape, or with any Number, Sum, or Amount expressed in a Word or Words in Roman Letters, appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper, or with any Device or Distinction peculiar to and appearing in the Substance of the Paper used by the Governor and Company of the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively for any Notes, Bills of Exchange, or Bank Post Bills of such Banks respectively, or shall by any Art or Contrivance cause the Words " Bank of *England*" or " Bank of *Ireland*," or any Part of such Words intended to resemble and pass for the same, or any Device or Distinction peculiar to and appearing in the Substance of the Paper used by the Governor and Company of the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively for any Notes, Bills of Exchange, or Bank Post Bills of such Banks respectively, to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper, or shall cause the numerical Sum or Amount of any Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, blank Bank Note, blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or blank Bank Post Bill, in a Word or Words in Roman Letters, to appear visible in the Substance of the Paper whereon

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the same shall be written or printed, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour,

15 Proviso as to Paper used for Bills of Exchange, &c.

Nothing in the last preceding Section contained shall prevent any Person from issuing any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note having the Amount thereof expressed in Guineas, or in a numerical Figure or Figures denoting the Amount thereof in Pounds Sterling, appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper upon which the same shall be written or printed, nor shall prevent any Person from making, using, or selling any Paper having waving or curved Lines or any other Devices in the Nature of Watermarks visible in the Substance of the Paper, not being Bar Lines or laying Wire Lines, provided the same are not so contrived as to form the Groundwork or Texture of the Paper, or to resemble the waving or curved laying Wire Lines or Bar Lines or the Watermarks of the Paper used by the Governor and Company of the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively.

16 Engraving or having any Plate, &c. for making Notes of Bank of England or Ireland, or other Banks, or having such Plate, &c., or uttering or having Paper upon which a blank Bank Note, &c. shall be printed.

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatsoever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Promissory Note, Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or Part of a Promissory Note, Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, purporting to be a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any other Body Corporate, Company, or Person carrying on the Business of Bankers, or to be a blank Bank Note, blank Promissory Note, blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or blank Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any such other Body Corporate, Company, or Person as aforesaid, or to be a Part of a Bank Note, Promissory Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any such other Body Corporate, Company, or Person as aforesaid, or any Name, Word, or Character resembling or apparently intended to resemble any Subscription to any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or by any such other Body Corporate, Company, or Person as aforesaid, or shall use any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any other Instrument or Device, for the making or printing any Bank, Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or blank Bank Note, blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or blank Bank Post Bill, or Part of a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any such Instrument or Device, or shall knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper upon which any blank Bank Note, blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or blank Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any such other Body Corporate, Company, or Person as aforesaid, or Part of a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or any Name, Word, or Character resembling or

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apparently intended to resemble any such Subscription, shall be made or printed, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

17 Engraving on a Plate, &c. any Word, Number, or Device resembling Part of a Bank Note or Bill, or using or having any such Plate, &c., or uttering or having any Paper on which any such Word, &c. is impressed.

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatsoever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Word, Number, Figure, Device, Character, or Ornament the Impression taken from which shall resemble or apparently be intended to resemble any Part of a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any other Body Corporate, Company, or Person carrying on the Business of Bankers, or shall use, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any other Instrument or Device for the impressing or making upon any Paper or other Material any Word, Number, Figure, Character, or Ornament which shall resemble or apparently be intended to resemble any Part of a Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any such other Body Corporate, Company, or Person as aforesaid, or shall knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper or other Material upon which there shall be an Impression of any such Matter as aforesaid, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

18 Making or having Mould for making Paper with the Name of any Banker, or making or having such Paper.

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall make or use any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the Manufacture of Paper, with the Name or Firm of any Body Corporate, Company, or Person carrying on the Business of Bankers (other than and except the Banks of *England* and *Ireland* respectively), appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Frame, Mould, or Instrument, or make, use, sell, expose to Sale, utter, or dispose of, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper in the Substance of which the Name or Firm of any such Body Corporate, Company, or Person shall appear visible, or by any Art or Contrivance cause the Name or Firm of any such Body Corporate, Company, or Person to appear visible in the Substance of the Paper upon which the same shall be written or printed, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

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19 Engraving Plates for Foreign Bills or Notes, or using or having such Plates, or uttering Paper on which any Part of any such Bill or Note is printed.

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatsoever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, Undertaking, or Order for Payment of Money, or any Part of any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, Undertaking, or Order for Payment of Money, in whatsoever Language the same may be expressed, and whether the same shall or shall not be or be intended to be under Seal, purporting to be the Bill, Note, Undertaking, or Order, or Part of the Bill, Note, Undertaking, or Order of any Foreign Prince or State, or of any Minister or Officer in the Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or of any Body Corporate or Body of the like Nature, constituted or recognized by any Foreign Prince or State, or of any Person or Company of Persons, resident in any Country not under the Dominion of Her Majesty, or shall use, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Plate, Stone, Wood, or other Material upon which any such Foreign Bill, Note, Undertaking, or Order, or any Part thereof, shall be engraved or made, or shall knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper upon which any Part of any such Foreign Bill, Note, Undertaking, or Order shall be made or printed, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.