Forgery Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 98

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

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.