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An Act for the better Prevention of the Forgery of the Notes and Bills of Exchange of Perſons carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers. [20th *June* 1801.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prevent the Crime of Forgery in all Parts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That if any Perſon or Perſons, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from and after the Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſhall make or cauſe or procure to be made, or knowingly aid or aſſiſt in the making or uſing, of any Frame, Mould, or Part of any Frame or Mould, for the making of Paper, with the Name or Firm appearing viſible in the Subſtance of the Paper, of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpoſe from ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Body Corpo-

After *July* 10, 1801, no Perſon ſhall make or uſe any Frame or Mould for making Paper, with the Name or Firm of any Perſons or Body Corporate appearing in the Sub-

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ſtance of the Paper, without a written Authority for that Purpoſe, or ſhall make or vend ſuch Paper, or cauſe ſuch Name or Firm to appear in the Subſtance of the Paper whereon the ſame ſhall be written or printed, on being impriſoned for the Firſt Offence not exceeding Two Years, nor leſs than Six Months; and for the Second, tranſported for Seven Years.

rate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip, or from ſome Perſon or Perſons duly authorized to give ſuch Authority; or ſhall manufacture, make, vend, expoſe to Sale, publiſh or diſpoſe of, or cauſe or procure to be manufactured, made, vended, or expoſed to Sale, publiſhed or diſpoſed of, any Paper having the Name or Firm, appearing viſible in the Subſtance of the Paper, of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip whatſoever, carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers; or if any Perſon or Perſons without ſuch Authority, ſhall by any Art, Means, Myſtery, or Contrivance, cauſe or procure, or ſhall knowingly aid or aſſiſt in cauſing or procuring the Name or Firm of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers, to appear viſible in the Subſtance of the Paper whereon the ſame ſhall be written or printed, every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, ſhall for the Firſt Offence be impriſoned for any Time not exceeding Two Years nor leſs than Six Months, and for the Second Offence be tranſported to any of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations for the Term of Seven Years.

No Perſon ſhall engrave, *etc.* any Bill or Note of any Perſon or Banking Company, or uſe any Plate ſo engraved, or any Device for making or printing ſuch Bill or Note, nor ſhall knowingly have in his Cuſtody ſuch Plate or Device, or ſhall utter ſuch Bill or Note, without a written Authority for the Purpoſe, under the like Penalty.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from and after the ſaid Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſhall engrave, cut, etch, ſcrape, or by any other Means or Device make, or ſhall cauſe or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, ſcraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or ſhall knowingly aid or aſſiſt in the engraving, cutting, etching, ſcraping, or by any other Means or Device making, in or upon any Plate whatſoever, any Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, or Part of any Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, purporting to be the Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, Banking Company or Partnerſhip carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpoſe from ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, Banking Company or Partnerſhip, or ſome Perſon or Perſons duly authorized to give ſuch Authority; or ſhall uſe any ſuch Plate ſo engraved, cut, etched, ſcraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or ſhall uſe any other Device for the making or printing any ſuch Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, without ſuch Authority in Writing as aforeſaid; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, after the ſaid Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and one, without ſuch Authority as aforeſaid, knowingly have in his, her, or their Cuſtody, any ſuch Plate or Device, or ſhall, without ſuch Authority as aforeſaid, knowingly and wilfully publiſh, diſpoſe of, or put away any ſuch Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, or Part of ſuch Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money; every Perſon ſo offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, ſhall, for the Firſt Offence be impriſoned for any Time not exceeding Two Years nor leſs than Six Months, and for the Second Offence be tranſported to any of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations for the Term of Seven Years.

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III. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, from and after the Tenth Day of *July* One thouſand eight hundred and one, ſhall engrave, cut, or etch, or by any other Means or Contrivance trace with a Hair Stroke or other Mode of Delineation, or any Plate whatſoever, any of the Subſcriptions ſubjoined to any Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers, to be payable to Bearer on Demand, or ſhall have in his, her, or their Poſſeſſion any Plate with the Hair Strokes or other Delineation of any Subſcription traced thereon, ſubjoined to any Bill of Exchange, Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, purporting to be the Bill of Exchange and Promiſſory Note, or other Note for the Payment of Money, of any Perſon or Perſons, Body Corporate, or other Banking Company or Partnerſhip carrying on the Buſineſs of Bankers, and to be payable to the Bearer on Demand, and ſhall not be able to prove that ſuch Plate came into his, her, or their Poſſeſſion without his, her, or their Knowledge or Conſent, every Perſon ſo offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, ſhall for the Firſt Offence be impriſoned for any Time not exceeding Three Years nor leſs than Twelve Months, and for the Second Offence be tranſported to any of His Majeſty's Colonies or Plantations for the Term of Seven Years.

No Perſon ſhall engrave, *etc.* on any Plate any Subſcriptions ſubjoined to any Bill or Note of any Perſon, or Banking Company, payable to Bearer on Demand, or have in his Poſſeſſion any ſuch Plate, on Penalty for the Firſt Offence of being impriſoned, not exceeding Three Years nor leſs than Twelve Months, and for the Second tranſported for Seven Years.

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