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An Act for reducing into One Act all such Forgeries as shall henceforth be punished with Death, and for otherwise amending the Laws relative to Forgery. [23d *July* 1830.]

WHEREAS several Offences relating to forged Writings, and to other forged and counterfeit Matters, and to false Personation, false Oaths, false Entries, and other false Matters, are now by virtue of several Statutes punishable with Death: And whereas it is expedient that none of those Offences shall hereafter be punishable with Death, unless the same shall be made punishable with Death by this Act; and also that the Statutes concerning such of those Offences, whether punishable with Death or otherwise, as may more frequently or seriously affect the Interests of His Majesty or His Subjects, should be amended, and consolidated into this Act: 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 where by any Acts now in force any Person falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, erasing, or altering any Matter whatsoever, or uttering, publishing, offering, disposing of, putting away, or making use of any Matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be falsely made, forged, counterfeited, erased, or altered, or any Person demanding or endeavouring to receive or have any Thing, or to do or cause to be done any Act, upon or by virtue of any Matter whatsoever, knowing such Matter to

No Forgeries, or other kindred Offences, which are now capital, shall continue so, unless expressly made capital by this Act.

to be falsely made, forged, counterfeited, erased, or altered, would, according to the Provisions contained in any of the said Acts, be guilty of Felony, and liable to suffer Death as a Felon; or where by any Acts now in force any Person falsely personating another, or falsely acknowledging any Thing in the Name of another, or falsely representing any other Person than the real Party to be such real Party, or wilfully making a false Entry in any Book, Account, or Document, or in any Manner wilfully falsifying any Part of any Book, Account, or Document, or wilfully making a Transfer of any Stock, Annuity, or Fund in the Name of any Person not being the Owner thereof, or knowingly taking a false Oath, or knowingly making a false Affidavit or false Affirmation, or demanding or receiving any Money or other Thing by virtue of any Probate or Letters of Administration, knowing the Will on which such Probate shall have been obtained to have been false or forged, or knowing such Probate or Letters of Administration to have been obtained by means of any false Oath or false Affirmation, would, according to the Provisions contained in any of the said Acts, be guilty of Felony, and liable to suffer Death as a Felon; or where by any Acts now in force any Person making or using, or knowingly having in his Custody or Possession, any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the making of Paper, with certain Words visible in the Substance thereof, or any Person making such Paper, or causing certain Words to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper, would, according to the Provisions contained in any of the said Acts, be guilty of Felony, and liable to suffer Death as a Felon; then, and in each of the several Cases aforesaid, if any Person shall, after the Commencement of this Act, be convicted of any such Felony as is herein-before mentioned, or of aiding, abetting, counselling, or procuring the Commission thereof, such Person shall not suffer Death for the same, unless the same shall be made punishable with Death by this Act; and if the same shall not be made punishable with Death by this Act, in such Case every Person who shall, after the Commencement of this Act, be convicted of any such Felony, or of aiding, abetting, counselling, or procuring the Commission thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall affect or alter any Acts relating to the Coin of this Realm, or to any Coin of any other Realm lawfully current within this Realm.

All Forgeries heretofore capital, and not declared so by this Act, shall be punished with Transportation.

Saving of Acts relating to Coin.

Forging the Great Seal, Privy Seal, Privy Signet, Royal Sign Manual, &c. Treason, and capital.

II. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or counterfeit, or shall utter knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, His Majesty's Privy Seal, any Privy Signet of His Majesty, His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, any of His Majesty's Seals appointed by the Twenty-fourth Article of the Union to be kept, used, and continued in *Scotland*, the Great Seal of *Ireland*, or the Privy Seal of *Ireland*, every such Offender shall be guilty of High Treason, and shall suffer Death accordingly: Provided always, that nothing contained in an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason*, or in an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign

of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms*, shall extend to any Indictment, or to any Proceedings thereupon, for any of the Treasons herein-before mentioned.

Forging an Exchequer Bill, Exchequer Debenture, East India Bond, Bank Note, Will, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or Warrant or Order for Payment of Money, capital.

III. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Exchequer Bill or Exchequer Debenture, or any Indorsement on or Assignment of any Exchequer Bill or Exchequer Debenture, or any Bond under the Common Seal of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, commonly called an *East India* Bond, or any Indorsement on or Assignment of any *East India* Bond, or any Note or Bill of Exchange of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, commonly called a Bank Note, a Bank Bill of Exchange, or a Bank Post Bill, or any Indorsement on or Assignment of any Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or any Will, Testament, Codicil, or Testamentary Writing, or any Bill of Exchange or any Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or any Indorsement on or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or any Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or any Undertaking, Warrant, or Order for the Payment of Money, with Intent, in any of the Cases aforesaid, to defraud any Person whatsoever, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

If any Instrument, however designated, is in Law a Bill of Exchange, &c. the Forger of such Instrument may be indicted under this Act.

IV. And be it declared and enacted, That where by any Act now in force any Person is made liable to the Punishment of Death for forging or altering, or for offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Instrument or Writing designated in such Act by any special Name or Description, and such Instrument or Writing, however designated, is in Law a Will, Testament, Codicil, or Testamentary Writing, or a Bill of Exchange or a Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or an Indorsement on or Assignment of a Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or an Acceptance of a Bill of Exchange, or an Undertaking, Warrant, or Order for the Payment of Money, within the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, in every such Case the Person forging or altering such Instrument or Writing, or offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off such Instrument or Writing, knowing the same to be forged or altered, may be indicted as an Offender against this Act, and punished with Death accordingly.

Making false Entries in the Books in which the Accounts of Public Stock are kept; or Transfer of Public Stock in any other Name than the true Owner's; capital.

V. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully make any false Entry in, or wilfully alter any Word or Figure in, any of the Books of Account kept by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or by the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas* and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery, commonly called the *South Sea* Company, in which Books the Accounts of the Owners of any Stock, Annuities, or other Public Funds which now are or hereafter may be transferrable at the Bank of *England* or at the *South Sea* House shall be entered and kept, or shall in any Manner wilfully falsify the Accounts of such Owners in any of the said Books, with Intent

Intent in any of the Cases aforesaid to defraud any Person whatsoever; or if any Person shall wilfully make any Transfer of any Share or Interest of or in any Stock, Annuity, or other Public Fund which now is or hereafter may be transferrable at the Bank of *England* or at the *South Sea* House, in the Name of any Person not being the true and lawful Owner of such Share or Interest, with Intent to defraud any Person whatsoever; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

Forging a Transfer of any Public Stock or of certain other Stock; Power of Attorney to transfer the same, or to receive Dividends thereon; Transfer of Stock or Receipt of Dividends by false Personation; capital.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or alter, or shall utter knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Transfer of any Share or Interest of or in any Stock, Annuity, or other Public Fund which now is or hereafter may be transferrable at the Bank of *England* or at the *South Sea* House, or of or in the Capital Stock of any Body Corporate, Company, or Society which now is or hereafter may be established by Charter or Act of Parliament, or shall forge or alter, or shall utter knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Power of Attorney or other Authority to transfer any Share or Interest of or in any such Stock, Annuity, Public Fund, or Capital Stock as is herein-before mentioned, or to receive any Dividend payable in respect of any such Share or Interest, or shall demand or endeavour to have any such Share or Interest transferred, or to receive any Dividend payable in respect thereof, by virtue of any such forged or altered Power of Attorney or other Authority, knowing the same to be forged or altered, with Intent in any of the several Cases aforesaid to defraud any Person whatsoever; or if any Person shall falsely and deceitfully personate any Owner of any such Share, Interest or Dividend as aforesaid, and thereby transfer any Share or Interest belonging to such Owner, or thereby receive any Money due to such Owner as if such Person were the true and lawful Owner; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

Personating the Owner of any Public Stock or certain other Stock, and endeavouring to transfer or to receive the Dividends; Transportation for Life, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall falsely and deceitfully personate any Owner of any Share or Interest of or in any Stock, Annuity, or other Public Fund which now is or hereafter may be transferrable at the Bank of *England* or at the *South Sea* House, or any Owner of any Share or Interest of or in the Capital Stock of any Body Corporate, Company, or Society which now is or hereafter may be established by Charter or Act of Parliament, or any Owner of any Dividend payable in respect of any such Share or Interest as aforesaid, and shall thereby endeavour to transfer any Share or Interest belonging to any such Owner, or thereby endeavour to receive any Money due to any such Owner as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Forging the Attestation to any Power of Attorney

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge the Name or Handwriting of any Person as or purporting to be a Witness attesting the Execution of any Power of Attorney or other Authority to

to transfer any Share or Interest of or in any such Stock, Annuity, Public Fund, or Capital Stock as is herein-before mentioned, or to receive any Dividend payable in respect of any such Share or Interest, or shall utter any such Power of Attorney or other Authority, with the Name or Handwriting of any Person forged thereon as an attesting Witness, knowing the same to be forged, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years nor less than One Year.

for Transfer of Stock, &c., Transportation for Seven Years, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That if any Clerk, Officer, or Servant of, or other Person employed or intrusted by, the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or the Governor and Company of Merchants commonly called the *South Sea* Company, shall knowingly make out or deliver any Dividend Warrant for a greater or less Amount than the Person or Persons on whose Behalf such Dividend Warrant shall be made out is or are entitled to, with Intent to defraud any Person whatsoever, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years nor less than One Year.

Clerks of the Bank wilfully making out Dividend Warrants for a greater or less Sum than what is really due; Transportation for 7 Years, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Deed, Bond, or Writing Obligatory, or any Court Roll or Copy of any Court Roll relating to any Copyhold or Customary Estate, or any Acquittance or Receipt either for Money or Goods, or any accountable Receipt either for Money or Goods, or for any Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, or any Warrant, Order, or Request for the Delivery or Transfer of Goods, or for the Delivery of any Note, Bill, or other Security for Payment of Money, with Intent to defraud any Person whatsoever, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years or less than Two Years.

Forging a Deed, Bond, Receipt for Money or Goods, or an accountable Receipt, or an Order for Delivery of Goods; Transportation for Life, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, before any Court, Judge, or other Person lawfully authorized to take any Recognizance or Bail, acknowledge any Recognizance or Bail in the Name of any other Person not privy or consenting to the same, whether such Recognizance or Bail in either Case be or be not filed; or if any Person shall, in the Name of any other Person not privy or consenting to the same, acknowledge any Fine, Recovery, Cognovit actionem, or Judgment, or any Deed to be enrolled; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Fraudulently acknowledging any Recognizance, Bail, Fine, Recovery, or Judgment, in the Name of another; Transportation for Life, &c.

Knowingly purchasing or receiving, or having in Possession, forged Bank Notes, Transportation for 14 Years.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Party accused, purchase or receive from any other Person, or have in his Custody or Possession, any forged Bank Note, Bank Bill of Exchange, or Bank Post Bill, or Blank Bank Note, Blank Bank Bill of Exchange, or Blank Bank Post Bill, knowing the same respectively to be forged, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Fourteen Years.

Making or having, without Authority, any Mould for making Paper with the Words "Bank of England" visible in the Substance, or for making Paper with curved Bar Lines, &c., or selling such Paper; Transportation for 14 Years.

XIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, without the Authority of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be proved by the Party accused, make or use, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved by the Party accused, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the making of Paper with the Words "Bank of *England*" 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 if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, manufacture, use, sell, expose to Sale, utter, or dispose of, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper whatsoever with the Words "Bank of *England*" 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 if any Person, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, shall, by any Art or Contrivance, cause the Words "Bank of *England*" to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper, or 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 the same shall be written or printed; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Fourteen Years.

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

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein 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 Bank of *England*.

XV. And

XV. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange, or Blank Promissory Note or Blank Bill of Exchange, or Part of a Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange, purporting to be a 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, without the Authority of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be proved by the Party accused; or if any Person shall use 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, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid; or if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any such Instrument or Device; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off any Paper upon which any 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, shall be made or printed; or if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Paper; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Fourteen Years.

Engraving on any Plate, &c. any Bank Note, Blank Bank Note, &c. or using or having such Plate, &c., or uttering or having Paper upon which a Blank Bank Note, &c. shall be printed, without Authority; Transportation for 14 Years.

XVI. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Word, Number, Figure, 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, without the Authority of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be proved by the Party accused; or if any Person shall use any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any other Instrument or Device, for the making upon any Paper or other Material the Impression of 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, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid; or if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or any such Instrument or Device; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off any Paper or other Material upon which there shall be an Impression of any such Matter as aforesaid; or if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any Paper or other Material upon which there shall be an Impression of any such Matter as aforesaid; every such Offender shall be guilty of

Engraving on any Plate, &c. any Word, Number, or Ornament resembling any Part of a Bank Note, &c., or using or having any such Plate, &c., or uttering or having any Paper on which there shall be an Impression of any Word, Number, &c.; Transportation for 14 Years.

of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Fourteen Years.

Making or having in Possession any Mould for manufacturing Paper, with the Name of any Bankers appearing in the Substance; manufacturing or having such Paper; or causing the Name to appear in the Substance of any Paper; Transportation for 14 Years, &c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall make or use any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the Manufacture of Paper, with the Name or Firm of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company carrying on the Business of Bankers (other than and except the Bank of *England*) appearing visible in the Substance of the Paper, without the Authority of such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company, the Proof of which Authority shall lie on the Party accused; or if any Person shall, without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Frame, Mould, or Instrument; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, manufacture, use, sell, expose to Sale, utter, or dispose of, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper in the Substance of which the Name or Firm of any such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company carrying on the Business of Bankers shall appear *visible*; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, cause the Name or Firm of any such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company carrying on the Business of Bankers to appear visible in the Substance of the Paper upon which the same shall be written or printed; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years nor less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

Engraving on any Plate, &c. any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note of any Bankers, or any Words resembling the Subscription subjoined thereto, or using any such Plate; or uttering or having any Paper upon which any Part of any such Bill or Note shall be printed; Transportation for 14 Years, &c.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or any Part of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, purporting to be the Bill or Note, or Part of the Bill or Note, of any Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company carrying on the Business of Bankers, (other than and except the Bank of *England*,) without the Authority of such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company, the Proof of which Authority shall lie on the Party accused; or if any Person shall engrave or make upon any Plate whatever, or upon any Wood, Stone, or other Material, any Word or Words resembling, or apparently intended to resemble, any Subscription subjoined to any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money issued by any such Person or Persons, Body Corporate, or Company carrying on the Business of Bankers, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, use, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved by the Party accused, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material upon which any such Bill or Note, or Part thereof, or any Word or Words resembling, or apparently intended to resemble, such Subscription, shall be engraved or made; or if any Person shall, without such

Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any Paper upon which any Part of such Bill or Note, or any Word or Words resembling, or apparently intended to resemble, any such Subscription, shall be made or printed; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years nor less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

Engraving Plates, &c. for Foreign Bills or Notes; using or having such Plates; or uttering any Paper on which any Part of such Foreign Bill or Note may be printed; Transportation for 14 Years, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall engrave or in anywise make upon any Plate whatever, 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 whatever Language or Languages 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 His Majesty, without the Authority of such Foreign Prince or State, Minister or Officer, Body Corporate or Body of the like Nature, Person or Company of Persons, the Proof of which Authority shall lie on the Party accused; or if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, use, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved by the Party accused, 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 if any Person shall, without such Authority, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or shall, without lawful Excuse, to be proved as aforesaid, knowingly have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper upon which any Part of such Foreign Bill, Note, Undertaking, or Order shall be made or printed; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years nor less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

Inserting any false Entry in any Register of Baptisms, Marriages, or Burials; forging or altering any such Entry; uttering any false or forged Entry; destroying, &c.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly and wilfully insert, or cause or permit to be inserted, in any Register of Baptisms, Marriages, or Burials, which hath been or shall be made or kept by the Rector, Vicar, Curate, or officiating Minister of any Parish, District-Parish, or Chapelry in *England*, any false Entry of any Matter relating to any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial, or shall forge or alter in any such Register any Entry of any Matter relating to any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial; or shall utter any Writing as and for a Copy of an Entry in any such Register

the Register; forging any Licence of Marriage; Transportation for Life, &c.

Register of any Matter relating to any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial, knowing such Writing to be false, forged, or altered; or if any Person shall utter any Entry in any such Register of any Matter relating to any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial, knowing such Entry to be false, forged, or altered, or shall utter any Copy of such Entry, knowing such Entry to be false, forged, or altered, or shall wilfully destroy, deface, or injure, or cause or permit to be destroyed, defaced, or injured, any such Register or any Part thereof; or shall forge or alter, or shall utter knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Licence of Marriage; every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Rector, &c. not liable to any Penalty for correcting, in the Mode prescribed, accidental Errors in the Register.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Rector, Vicar, Curate, or officiating Minister of any Parish, District-Parish, or Chapelry, who shall discover any Error in the Form or Substance of the Entry in the Register of any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial respectively by him solemnized, shall be liable to any of the Penalties herein mentioned if he shall, within One Calendar Month after the Discovery of such Error, in the Presence of the Parent or Parents of the Child baptized, or of the Parties married, or in the Presence of Two Persons who shall have attended at any Burial, or in the Case of the Death or Absence of the respective Parties aforesaid, then in the Presence of the Churchwardens or Chapelwardens, correct the Entry which shall have been found erroneous, according to the Truth of the Case, by Entry in the Margin of the Register wherein such erroneous Entry shall have been made, without any Alteration or Obliteration of the original Entry, and shall sign such Entry in the Margin, and add to such Signature the Day of the Month and Year when such Correction shall be made; and such Correction and Signature shall be attested by the Parties in whose Presence the same are directed to be made as aforesaid: Provided also, that in the Copy of the Register which shall be transmitted to the Registrar of the Diocese, the said Rector, Vicar, Curate, or officiating Minister shall certify the Corrections so made by him as aforesaid.

Inserting in any Copy of a Register of Baptisms, Marriages, or Burials, transmitted to the Registrar, any false Entry; or forging or verifying any Copy knowing it to be false; Transportation for 7 Years, &c.

XXII. And whereas Copies of the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, such Copies being signed and verified by the written Declaration of the Rector, Vicar, Curate, or officiating Minister of every Parish, District-Parish, and Chapelry in *England* where the Ceremonies of Baptism, Marriage, and Burial may lawfully be performed, are directed by Law to be made and transmitted to the Registrar of the Diocese within which such Parish, District-Parish, or Chapelry may be situated; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly and wilfully insert, or cause or permit to be inserted, in any Copy of any Register so directed to be transmitted as aforesaid, any false Entry of any Matter relating to any Baptism, Marriage, or Burial, or shall forge or alter, or shall utter knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Copy of any Register so directed to be transmitted as aforesaid, or shall knowingly and wilfully sign or verify any Copy of any Register so directed to be trans-

transmitted as aforesaid, which Copy shall be false in any Part thereof, knowing the same to be false, every such Offender shall be guilty of Felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years nor less than One Year.

The Punishments of 5 Eliz. c. 14. so far as they have been adopted by other Acts, shall be repealed, and other Punishments substituted.

XXIII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act against Forgers of false Deeds and Writings*, it is, amongst other Things, provided, that every Person convicted of any of the Offences first enumerated in that Act shall pay to the Party grieved his Double Costs and Damages, and shall forfeit to the Crown the whole Issues of his Lands and Tenements during his Life, and shall also suffer Imprisonment during his Life: And whereas there are certain Acts by which Persons convicted of certain Offences, mentioned in those Acts, are subjected to the same Pains and Penalties as are imposed by the said Act of Queen *Elizabeth* for the Offences first enumerated in that Act: And whereas the said Act of *Elizabeth* is herein-after repealed; and it is expedient to substitute other Punishments in lieu of the Punishments of that Act, so far as the same have been adopted by any other Acts; be it therefore enacted, That every Person who shall after the Commencement of this Act be convicted of any Offence which is now subjected, by any Act or Acts, to the same Pains and Penalties as are imposed by the said Act of Queen *Elizabeth* for any of the Offences first enumerated in that Act, shall be guilty of Felony, and shall, in lieu of such Pains and Penalties, be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years nor less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year.

All Forgers and Utterers may be tried in the County where they are apprehended or are in Custody.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall commit any Offence against this Act, or shall commit any Offence of forging or altering any Matter whatsoever, or of offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off any Matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged or altered, whether the Offence in any such Case shall be indictable at Common Law or by virtue of any Statute or Statutes made or to be made, the Offence of every such Offender may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and punished, and laid and charged to have been committed, in any County or Place in which he shall be apprehended or be in Custody, as if his Offence had been actually committed in that County or Place; and every Accessory before or after the Fact to any such Offence, if the same be a Felony, and every Person aiding, abetting, or counselling the Commission of any such Offence, if the same be a Misdemeanor, may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and punished, and his Offence laid and charged to have been committed in any County or Place in which the principal Offender may be tried.

As to Principals in the Second Degree and Accessories.

XXV. And be it enacted, That in the Case of every Felony punishable under this Act, every Principal in the Second Degree, and every Accessory before the Fact, shall be punishable with Death, or otherwise, in the same Manner as the Principal in the First Degree is by this Act punishable; and every Accessory after the Fact to any Felony

Felony punishable under this Act shall, on Conviction, be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years.

The Court may order hard Labour or solitary Confinement for Offences against this Act.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That where any Person shall be convicted of any Offence punishable under this Act, for which Imprisonment may be awarded, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence the Offender to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, and also to direct that the Offender shall be kept in solitary Confinement for the Whole or any Portion or Portions of such Imprisonment, as to the Court in its Discretion shall seem meet.

As to Offences committed at Sea.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That where any Offence punishable under this Act shall be committed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, the same shall be dealt with, inquired of, tried, and determined in the same Manner as any other Offence committed within that Jurisdiction.

Rule of Interpretation as to criminal Possession, and as to Parties intended to be defrauded.

XXVIII. And be it declared and enacted, That where the having any Matter in the Custody or Possession of any Person is in this Act expressed to be an Offence, if any Person shall have any such Matter in his personal Custody or Possession, or shall knowingly and wilfully have any such Matter in any Dwelling House or other Building, Lodging, Apartment, Field, or other Place, open or enclosed, whether belonging to or occupied by himself or not, and whether such Matter shall be so had for his own Use or for the Use or Benefit of another, every such Person shall be deemed and taken to have such Matter in his Custody or Possession within the Meaning of this Act; and where the committing any Offence with Intent to defraud any Person whatsoever is made punishable by this Act, in every such Case the Word "Person" shall throughout this Act be deemed to include His Majesty or any Foreign Prince or State, or any Body Corporate, or any Company or Society of Persons not incorporated, or any Person or Number of Persons whatsoever who may be intended to be defrauded by such Offence, whether such Body Corporate, Company, Society, Person, or Number of Persons shall reside or carry on Business in *England* or elsewhere, in any Place or Country, whether under the Dominion of His Majesty or not; and it shall be sufficient in any Indictment to name One Person only of such Company, Society, or Number of Persons, and to allege the Offence to have been committed with Intent to defraud the Person so named, and another or others, as the Case may be.

This Act not to extend to Scotland or Ireland;

XXIX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not extend to any Offence committed in *Scotland* or *Ireland*.

but to apply to the forging or uttering in England Documents purporting to be made, or actually made, out of England;

XXX. Provided always, and be it declared and enacted, That where the forging or altering any Writing or Matter whatsoever, or the offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off any Writing or Matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged or altered, is in this Act expressed to be an Offence, if any Person shall, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, forge or alter, or offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any such Writing or Matter, in whatsoever Place or Country out of *England*,

England, whether under the Dominion of His Majesty or not, such Writing or Matter may purport to be made or may have been made, and in whatever Language or Languages the same or any Part thereof may be expressed, every such Person, and every Person aiding, abetting, or counselling such Person, shall be deemed to be an Offender within the Meaning of this Act, and shall be punishable thereby in the same Manner as if the Writing or Matter had purported to be made or had been made in *England*; and if any Person shall in *England* forge or alter, or offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Bill of Exchange or any Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or any Indorsement on or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the Payment of Money, or any Acceptance of any Bill of Exchange, or any Undertaking, Warrant, or Order for the Payment of Money, or any Deed, Bond, or Writing Obligatory for the Payment of Money, (whether such Deed, Bond, or Writing Obligatory shall be made only for the Payment of Money, or for the Payment of Money together with some other Purpose,) in whatever Place or Country out of *England*, whether under the Dominion of His Majesty or not, the Money payable or secured by such Bill, Note, Undertaking, Warrant, Order, Deed, Bond, or Writing Obligatory may be or may purport to be payable, and in whatever Language or Languages the same respectively or any Part thereof may be expressed, and whether such Bill, Note, Undertaking, Warrant, or Order be or be not under Seal, every such Person, and every Person aiding, abetting, or counselling such Person, shall be deemed to be an Offender within the Meaning of this Act, and shall be punishable thereby in the same Manner as if the Money had been payable or had purported to be payable in *England*.

and to the forging or uttering in England Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Bonds, &c. purporting to be payable out of England.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That so much of a Statute made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Third as relates to counterfeiting the King's Great or Privy Seal, and so much of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act that the counterfeiting of strange Coins being current within this Realm, the Queen's Highness' Sign Manual, Signet, or Privy Seal, be adjudged Treason*, as relates to forging or counterfeiting the Queen's Sign Manual, Privy Signet, or Privy Seal; and an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act against Forgers of false Deeds and Writings*; and an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *James* the First, intituled *An Act against such as shall levy any Fine, suffer any Recovery, acknowledge any Statute, Recognizance, Bail, or Judgment in the Name of any other Person or Persons not being privy and consenting thereto*; and so much of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for taking Special Bails in the Country upon Actions and Suits depending in the Courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer at* Westminster, as relates to any Offence thereby made Felony; and so much of an Act passed in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, intituled *An Act for making good the Deficiencies of several Funds therein mentioned, and for enlarging the Capital Stock of the Bank of* England, *and for raising the Public Credit*, as relates to forging or counterfeiting the Common Seal of the

Repeal of 25 Edw. 3. stat. 5. c. 2.

1 Mar. stat. 2. c. 6.

5 Eliz. c. 14.

21 Jac. 1. c. 26.

4 W. & M. c. 4. s. 4.

8 & 9 W. 3. c. 20. s. 36.

Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, or any sealed Bank Bill, or any Bank Note, or altering or rasing any Indorsement on any Bank Bill or Note; and so much of an Act passed in the Seventh
7 Anne, c. 21. s. 9. Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms*, as relates to counterfeiting Her Majesty's Seals, appointed by the Twenty-fourth Article of the Union to be kept, used, and continued in *Scotland*; and so much of an Act passed
8 G. 1. c. 22. s. 1. in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act to prevent the Mischiefs by forging Powers to transfer such Stocks or to receive such Annuities or Dividends as are therein mentioned, or by fraudulently personating the true Owners thereof; and to rectify Mistakes of the late Managers for taking Subscriptions for increasing the Capital Stock of the* South Sea *Company, and in the Instrument founded thereupon*, as relates to any Forgery or other capital Felony therein mentioned; and so much of an Act passed in the Twelfth
12 G. 1. c. 32. s. 9. Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for better securing the Monies and Effects of the Suitors of the Court of Chancery, and to prevent the counterfeiting of* East India *Bonds and Indorsements thereon, as likewise Indorsements on* South Sea *Bonds*, as relates to any Person who shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, or wilfully act or assist in forging or counterfeiting, any Bond or Obligation of the *East India* Company, or any Indorsement or Assignment thereon, or on any Bond or Obligation of the *South Sea* Company, or shall utter or publish the same knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited; and the Whole of an Act passed in the Second Year
2 G. 2. c. 25. except s. 2. of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing and further Punishment of Forgery, Perjury, and Subornation of Perjury, and to make it Felony to steal Bonds, Notes, or other Securities for Payment of Money*, except so far as relates to Perjury and Subornation of Perjury; and an
7 G. 2. c. 22. Act passed in the Seventh Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange, or the Numbers or Principal Sums of accountable Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of Money, or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money or Delivery of Goods*; and so much of an Act passed in the Fifteenth Year of
15 G. 2. c. 13. s. 11. the same Reign, intituled *An Act for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England *for advancing the Sum of One million six hundred thousand Pounds towards the Supply for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty-two*, as relates to any Person who shall forge, counterfeit, or alter any Bank Note or other Matter specified in the said Act, or shall knowingly offer, dispose of, or put away such forged, counterfeit, or altered Note or other Matter, or knowingly demand the Money therein contained or pretended to be due thereon, or any Part thereof, as in the said Act is mentioned; and so much of an Act passed in the
31 G. 2. c. 22. s. 77 & 78. Thirty-first Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties upon Offices and Pensions, and upon Houses, and upon Windows or Lights; and for raising the Sum of Five Millions by Annuities and a Lottery, to be charged on the said Rates and Duties*, as relates to any Forgery or other capital Felony therein mentioned; and so much of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the
4 G. 3. c. 25. s. 15. Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England *for*

raising certain Sums of Money towards the Supply for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four; and for more effectually preventing the forging Powers to transfer such Stock or receive such Dividends or Annuities as are therein mentioned, and the fraudulent personating the Owners thereof, as relates to any Forgery or other capital Felony therein mentioned; and an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging of the Notes or Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England, *and for the preventing the obtaining a false Credit by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company;* and an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to explain an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual preventing the forging the Acceptance 'of Bills of Exchange, or the Numbers or Principal Sums of account-'able Receipts for Notes, Bills, or other Securities for Payment of 'Money, or Warrants or Orders for Payment of Money or Delivery 'of Goods;'* and so much of an Act passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for taking and swearing Affidavits to be made use of in the Court of Session of the County Palatine of* Chester, *and for taking of Special Bail in Actions and Suits depending in the same Court,* as relates to any Offence thereby made Felony; and an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better preventing Forgeries and Frauds in the Transfers of the several Funds transferrable at the Bank of* England; and an Act passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for the better preventing the forging or counterfeiting the Names of Witnesses to Letters of Attorney or other Authorities, or Instruments for the Transfer of Stocks or Funds which now are, or by any Act or Acts of Parliament shall hereafter be made transferrable at the Bank of* England, *or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock of the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England, *called Bank Stock, or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock, or any Stocks or Funds under the Management of the* South Sea *Company, or for the Transfer of any Part of the Capital Stock of the* East India *Company, or for the Receipt of Dividends upon any of such Stocks or Funds;* and an Act passed in the Forty-first Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for the more effectually preventing the Forgery of Bank Notes, Bank Bills of Exchange, and Bank Post Bills;* and an Act passed in the same Year, intituled *An Act for the better Prevention of the Forgery of the Notes and Bills of Exchange of Persons carrying on the Business of Bankers;* and so much of an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for preventing the forging and counterfeiting of Foreign Bills of Exchange, and of Foreign Promissory Notes and Orders for the Payment of Money; and for preventing the counterfeiting of Foreign Copper Money,* as in anywise relates to any Foreign Bill of Exchange, or Foreign Promissory Note, Undertaking, or Order for the Payment of Money; and an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to alter and extend the Provisions of the Laws now in force for the Punishment of the Forgery of Bank Notes, Bills of Exchange, and other Securities, to every Part of* Great Britain; and so much of an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act for regulating the issuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills,*

13 G. 3. c. 79.

18 G. 3. c. 18.

27 G. 3. c. 43. s. 4.

33 G. 3. c. 30.

37 G. 3. c. 122.

41 G. 3. (U.K.) c. 39.

41 G. 3. c. 57.

43 G. 3. c. 139. s. 1 & 2.

45 G. 3. c. 89.

48 G. 3. c. 1. s. 9.

Bills, as relates to any Forgery or other capital Felony therein mentioned; and an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the same
52G.3.c.138. Reign, intituled *An Act for the further Prevention of the counterfeiting of Silver Tokens issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of* England, *called Dollars, and of Silver Pieces issued and circulated by the said Governor and Company, called Tokens; and for the further Prevention of Frauds practised by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company;* and so much of
52G.3.c.146. s. 14. an Act passed in the same Year, intituled *An Act for the better regulating and preserving Parish and other Registers of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in* England, as relates to any Felony therein mentioned; and so much of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of
4 G. 4. c. 76. s. 29. the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws respecting the Solemnization of Marriages in* England, as relates to any Person who shall knowingly and wilfully insert in the Register Book any false Entry of any Matter relating to any Marriage, or shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit any such Entry in the Register, or any Licence of Marriage, or shall utter or publish as true any false, altered, forgered, or counterfeited Register of Marriage, or a Copy thereof, or any false, altered, forged, or counterfeited Licence of Marriage, knowing such Register or Licence of Marriage respectively to be false, altered, forged, or counterfeited, or shall wilfully destroy any Register Book of Marriages, or any Part thereof, or shall cause or procure or assist in the Commission of any of the said several Offences; shall continue in force until and throughout the Twentieth Day of *July* in the present Year, and shall from and after that Day, as to that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, be repealed, except so far as any of the said Acts may repeal the Whole or any Part of any other Acts, and except as to Offences committed before or upon the said Twentieth Day of *July*, which shall be dealt with and punished as if this Act had not been passed: Provided always, that if any Person, who shall before or upon the said Twentieth Day of *July* have committed any Offence against any of the several Acts hereby repealed as aforesaid, shall after the Commencement of this Act be convicted of the same, and such Offence shall have been made punishable with Death by any of the said several Acts, but shall not be made punishable with Death by this Act, in every such Case the Person convicted of such Offence shall not suffer the Punishment of Death, but shall, in lieu thereof, be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for Life or for any Term not less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Four Years nor less than Two Years.

Offences committed previous to the Repeal may be tried under the old Acts after the Repeal.

Proviso.

Commencement of this Act.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the Twenty-first Day of *July* in the present Year.

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