the penalty aforesaid, or in some mitigated portion thereof, not being less than one fourth; and if such penalty be not immediately paid into the hands of the officer or constable (who is hereby required to receive and pay over the same to the Commissioners), such justice shall commit the offender to hard labour in the proper house of correction for any period not exceeding one month nor less than seven days, or until the penalty shall be sooner paid.

Authorised officers may enter upon lands.

10. It shall be lawful for any officer of inland revenue, officer of constabulary, or constable, who may see any person using or carrying a gun to enter and remain so long as may be necessary upon any lands or upon any premises (other than a dwelling-house or the curtilage thereof) for the purpose of making the demand specified in the preceding section.

Licence to be void if person be convicted under 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 32. s. 30., or 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 68.

11. If any person having obtained a licence under this Act shall be convicted of any offence under section thirty of the Act of the first and second years of King William the Fourth, chapter thirty-two, or under the Act of the second and third years of King William the Fourth, chapter sixty-eight, the said licence shall thenceforth be null and void.

Not to interfere with any other Act requiring authority to keep firearms.

12. No licence granted under this Act shall entitle the person to whom the same is granted to use, carry, or have in his custody or possession any firearm in any part of the United Kingdom where such person is by any other Act now or hereafter in force forbidden to use, carry, or have in his custody or possession any firearm, nor to entitle such person to use, carry, or have in his custody or possession any firearm unless he shall have obtained a licence or permission so to do from any authority empowered by any such other Act to grant such licence or permission.

CHAP. 58.

An Act to further amend the Law relating to indictable offences by Forgery. [9th August 1870.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Forgery Act, 1870.

Construction and extent of Act.

2. This Act shall have effect as one Act with the Act described in the schedule to this Act, but shall extend to the United Kingdom.

Forgery of stock certificates, &c.

3. If any person forges or alters, or offers, utters, disposes of, or puts off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any stock certificate or coupon, or any document purporting to be a stock certificate or coupon, issued in pursuance of part V. of The National Debt Act, 1870, or of any former Act,—or demands or endeavours to obtain or receive any share or interest of or in any stock as defined in The National Debt Act, 1870, or to receive any dividend or money payable in respect thereof, by virtue of any such forged or altered certificate or coupon, or document purporting as aforesaid, knowing the same to be forged or altered,—with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to defraud, he 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 life or for any term not less than five years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

Personation of owners of stock.

4. If any person falsely and deceitfully personates any owner of any share or interest of or in any such stock as aforesaid, or of any such stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid, and thereby obtains or endeavours to obtain any such stock certificate or coupon,—or receives or endeavours to receive any money due to any such owner, as if such person were the true and lawful owner,—he 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 life or for any term not less than five years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

Engraving plates, &c. for stock certificates, &c.

5. If any person, without lawful authority or excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on the party accused, engraves or makes on any plate, wood, stone, or other material any stock certificate or coupon purporting to be such a stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid, or to be such a stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid in blank, or to be a part of such a stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid,—or uses any such plate, wood, stone, or other material for the making or printing of any such stock certificate or coupon, or blank stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid, or any part thereof respectively,—or knowingly has in his custody or possession any such plate, wood, stone, or other material,—or knowingly offers, utters, disposes of, or puts off, or has in his custody or possession, any paper on which any such blank stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid, or part of any such stock certificate or coupon as aforesaid, is made or printed,—he 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 five years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

Forgery of certificates of transfer of stocks from England to Ireland, &c.

6. If any person forges or alters, or offers, utters, disposes of, or puts off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any certificate or duplicate certificate required by Part VI. of The National Debt Act, 1870, or by any former like enactment, with intent in any of the cases aforesaid to defraud, he 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 life, or for any term not less than five years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour, and with or without solitary confinement.

Extension of provisions of Forgery Act to Scotland.

7. Sections two and four and all provisions relative thereto of the Act described in the schedule to this Act, and all enactments amending those sections and provisions, or any of them, shall extend to Scotland.

Alteration as to Scotland.

8. In the application to Scotland of this Act, and of the enactments by this Act extended to Scotland, the term "high crime and offence" shall be substituted for the term "felony."

THE SCHEDULE.

Act referred to.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 98.—An Act to consolidate and amend the statute law of England and Ireland, relating to indictable offences by forgery.