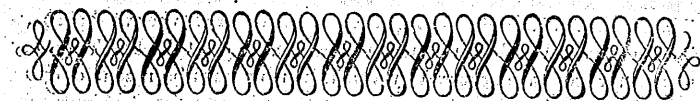


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An Act for the further Prevention of the counterfeiting of Silver Coin issued by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, called *Dollars*, and of Silver Pieces issued and circulated by the said Governor and Company, called *Tokens*; and for the further Prevention of Frauds practised by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company.

WHEREAS the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* have for the Convenience of the Public caused to be coined or stamped and circulated a large Quantity of Silver Dollars, containing on the Obverse Side thereof an Impression of His Majesty's Head, and the following Words and Letters, *videlicet* "Georgius III. Dei Gratia Rex," and on the Reverse Side thereof the Impression of Britannia, and the following Words and Figures, *videlicet* "Five Shillings Dollar Bank of England 1804." And whereas the said Governor and Company, with the Approbation of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, have also issued and circulated, for the Convenience of the Public, a Quantity of Silver Pieces, denominated *Tokens*, for the respective Sums of Three Shillings, and One Shilling and Sixpence, such Tokens for the Sum of Three Shillings containing on the Obverse Side thereof, an Impression of His Majesty's Head, and the following Words and Letters, *videlicet* "Georgius III. Dei Gratia Rex," and on the Reverse Side thereof the following Words and Figures, *videlicet* "Bank Token, 3 Shill." with the Addition of the Year in which the same were respectively made and stamped; and such Tokens for the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence, containing the same Impression, Words, and Letters on the Obverse Side thereof, as upon the said Token for Three Shillings, and on the Reverse Side thereof the following Words and Figures, *videlicet* "Bank Token, 1s. 6d." with the Addition of the Year in which the same were respectively coined or stamped: And whereas the said Governor and Company intend to issue and circulate other like Tokens for the respective Sums of

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Three Shillings and One Shilling and Sixpence: And whereas the Circulation of the said Dollars and Tokens has been of great Public Utility, but many Instances have occurred in which the same have been counterfeited, whereby the Public have been greatly defrauded, and the Punishment inflicted upon Persons convicted of counterfeiting and uttering the same has been found inadequate to prevent such Offences; for Remedy whereof be it 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 shall, from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, make, coin, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be made, coined, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the making, coining, or counterfeiting any Coin, Medal, or Device whatsoever, resembling or made with Intent to resemble, or look like the said Dollars or Tokens, or any of them, or to pass as such, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for the Term of Fourteen Years.

And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, if any Person shall utter, offer, or tender in Payment, or sell or give in Exchange, or pay or put off to any Person or Persons, any such false or counterfeit Dollar or Dollars, Token or Tokens, as aforesaid, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, and shall either on the same Day or within the Space of Ten Days then next afterwards, utter, offer, or tender in Payment, or sell or give in Exchange, or pay or put off any more or other such false or counterfeit Dollar or Dollars, Token or Tokens, as aforesaid, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, to the same Person or Persons, or to any other Person or Persons, or shall at the Time of such first uttering, offering, tendering in Payment, selling or giving in Exchange, paying or putting off, have in his or her Custody or Possession, one or more such counterfeit Dollar or Dollars, Token or Tokens, as aforesaid, or any Piece or Pieces of counterfeit Money whatsoever, besides what was or were so uttered, offered, tendered in Payment, sold, given in Exchange, paid or put off, then such Person so uttering, offering, tendering in Payment, selling or giving in Exchange, paying or putting off the same, shall be deemed and taken to be a Common Utterer of such counterfeit Dollars or Tokens, and being thereof convicted shall suffer One Year's Imprisonment, and shall find Sureties for his or her good Behaviour for Two Years more, to be computed from the End of the said Year; and if any Person having been Once so convicted as a Common Utterer of such counterfeit Dollars or Tokens shall afterwards again utter, offer, or tender in Payment, sell or give in Exchange, pay or put off, any such false or counterfeit Dollar or Dollars, Token or Tokens, as aforesaid, to any Person or Persons, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, then such Person, being thereof convicted,

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shall for such Second Offence be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and shall be transported for the Term of Fourteen Years.

And be it hereby further enacted, That if any Person, being out of Prison, shall from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, commit any of the Offences aforesaid, and shall afterwards discover Two or more Persons who shall after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, have committed any of the said Offences, so as such Two or more Persons shall be thereof convicted, such Discoverer shall have and is hereby entitled to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon for such his or her Offences.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall be convicted of uttering, offering, tendering in Payment, selling, or giving in Exchange, paying or putting off any such false or counterfeit Dollar or Dollars, Token or Tokens as aforesaid, and shall afterwards be guilty of the like Offence in any other County, City, District, or Place, the Clerk of the Assize or the Clerk of the Peace for the County, City, District, or Place where such Conviction was so had, shall at the Request of the Prosecutor or any other Person on His Majesty's Behalf, certify the same by a Transcript in a few Words, containing the Effect and Tenor of such Conviction, for which Certificate Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more shall be paid, and such Certificate being produced in Court, shall be sufficient Proof of such former Conviction.

And whereas divers Frauds have been practised by making and publishing Papers with certain Words and Characters so nearly resembling the Notes and Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, as to appear to ignorant and unwary Persons to be the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company; for Prevention whereof be it enacted, That if any Person, from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, 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 of Copper, Brass, Steel, Pewter, or of any other Metal or Mixture of Metals, or upon Wood or any other Materials, or upon any Plate whatsoever, any Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters, the Impression taken from which shall resemble or be apparently intended to resemble the Whole or any Part of any of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company commonly called *Bank Notes* and *Bank Post Bills*, or shall contain any Word, Number, Figure, or Character in White on a black, sable, or dark Ground, without an Authority in Writing for that Purpose from the said Governor and Company, to be produced and proved by the Party accused, or shall (without such Authority as aforesaid) use any such Plate, Wood, or other Material so engraved, cut, etched, scraped,

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scraped, or by any other Means or Device made, or shall use any other Instrument or Device for the making or printing upon any Paper or other Material, any Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters, resembling or which shall be apparently intended to resemble the Whole or any Part of the said Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company, or any Word, Number, Figure, or Character in White on a black, fable, or dark Ground; or if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, (without such Authority as aforesaid) knowingly have in his, her, or their Custody, any such Plate, Instrument, or Device, or shall knowingly and wilfully utter, publish, or dispose of or put away any Paper or other Material containing any such Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wittingly have in his, her, or their Custody or Possession, any Paper or other Material containing any such Word or Words, Figure or Figures, Character or Characters as aforesaid, (without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall lie upon the Person accused), every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being convicted thereof according to Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall be transported for the Term of Fourteen Years.

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An Act for the further Prevention of the counterfeiting of Silver Coin 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 *Tobacs*; and for the further Prevention of Frauds practised by the Imitation of the Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company.

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