



Forgery Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 98

As to forging Transfers of Stock, &c.:—

2 Forging Transfer of certain Stock, and Power of Attorney relating thereto.

Whosoever shall forge or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, 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 transferable at the Bank of *England* or at the Bank of *Ireland*, 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 by, under, or by virtue of any Act of Parliament, or shall forge or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, 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, or to receive any Dividend or Money 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 or Money 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 Cases aforesaid to defraud, 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 Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

3 Personating the Owner of certain Stock, and transferring or receiving or endeavouring to transfer or receive the Dividends.

Whosoever 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 transferable at the Bank of *England*, or at the Bank of *Ireland*, 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 maybe established by Charter, or by, under, or by virtue of any Act of Parliament, or any Owner of any Dividend or Money payable in respect of any such Share or Interest as aforesaid, and shall thereby transfer or endeavour to transfer any Share or Interest belonging to any such Owner, or

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thereby receive or endeavour to receive any Money due to any_ such Owner, as if such Offender were the true and lawful Owner, 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 Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

4 Forging Attestation to Power of Attorney for Transfer of Stock, &c.

Whosoever shall forge any Name, Handwriting, or Signature purporting to be the Name, Handwriting, or Signature of a Witness attesting the Execution of 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 in either of the last Two preceding Sections mentioned, or to receive any Dividend or Money payable in respect of any such Share "or'-Interest, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off any such Power' of. Attorney or other Authority, with any such forged Name, Handwriting, or Signature thereon, knowing the same to be forged, 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 Seven 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.

5 Making false Entries in the Books of the Public Funds.

Whosoever 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 the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, in which Books the Accounts of the Owners of any Stock, Annuities, or other Public Funds which now are or hereafter may be transferable at the Bank of *England* or at the Bank of *Ireland* shall be entered and kept, or shall in any Manner wilfully falsify any of the Accounts of any of such Owners in any of the said Books, with Intent in any of the Cases aforesaid to defraud, or 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 transferable at the Bank of *England* or at the Bank of *Ireland*, in the Name of any Person not being the true and lawful Owner of such Share or Interest, with Intent to defraud, 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 Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

6 Clerks of the Bank making out false Dividend Warrants.

Whosoever, being a 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 the. Bank of *Ireland*, shall knowingly make out or deliver any Dividend Warrant, or Warrant for Payment of any Annuity, Interest, or Money payable at the Bank of *England* or *Ireland*, for a greater or less Amount than the Person on whose Behalf such Warrant shall be made out is entitled to, with Intent to defraud, 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 Seven 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.