



# Forgery Act 1861

## 1861 CHAPTER 98

*As to forging Bank Notes :—*

### **12 Forging a Bank Note, &c.**

Whosoever shall forge or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any Note or Bill of Exchange of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* or of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, or of any other Body Corporate, Company, or Person carrying on the Business of Bankers, 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, 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. ;

### **13 Purchasing or receiving or having forged Bank Notes.**

Whosoever, without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused), shall 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 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 Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years,—or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour.