



# Forgery Act 1861

## 1861 CHAPTER 98

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

### **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.