

COINAGE OFFENCES

sell, receive, pay or put off any false or counterfeit coin resembling, or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current copper coin, at or for a lower rate or value than the same imports, or was apparently intended to import, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven years, with or without hard labour.

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16. Whosoever shall tender, utter, or put off any false or counterfeit coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current copper coin, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, or shall have in his custody or possession three or more pieces of false or counterfeit coin resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current copper coin, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, and with intent to utter or put off the same or any of them, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year, with or without hard labour.

Uttering
base copper
coin.

Defacing the Coin

17. Whosoever shall deface any current gold, silver, or copper coin, by stamping thereon any names or words, whether such coin shall or shall not be thereby diminished or lightened, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year, with or without hard labour.

Defacing
the coin by
stamping
words
thereon.

18. No tender or payment in money made in any gold, silver, or copper coin so defaced by stamping, as is mentioned in section 17, or defaced by piercing, or in any other manner shall be allowed to be a legal tender; and whosoever shall

Tender of
coin so
defaced not
to be a
legal tender.

tender, utter, or put off any coin so defaced shall, on summary conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding four dollars:

Provided, that it shall not be lawful for any person to proceed for any such last-mentioned penalty without the consent of Her Majesty's Director of Public Prosecutions.

Coining Tools

Making,
mending or
having
possession
of any
coining
tools,
felony.

19. Whosoever, without lawful authority or excuse (the proof whereof shall lie on the party accused) shall knowingly make or mend, or begin or proceed to make or mend, or buy or sell, or have in his custody or possession any puncheon, counter-puncheon, matrix, stamp, die, pattern, or mould, in or upon which there shall be made or impressed, or which will make or impress, or which shall be adapted and intended to make or impress the figure, stamp, or apparent resemblance of both or either of the sides of any current gold or silver coin, or any part or parts of both or either of such sides; or shall make or mend, or begin or proceed to make or mend, or shall buy or sell, or have in his custody or possession any edger, edging, or other tool, collar, instrument, or engine adapted and intended for the marking of coin round the edges with letters, grainings, or other marks or figures apparently resembling those on the edges of any such coin as in this section aforesaid, knowing the same to be so adapted and intended as aforesaid; or shall make or mend, or begin or proceed to make or mend, or shall buy or sell, or have in his custody or possession, any press for coinage, or any cutting engine for cutting by force of a screw or of any other contrivance, round blanks out of gold, silver, or other metal or mixture of metals, or any other machine, knowing such press to be a press for coinage, or knowing such engine or machine to have been used, or to be intended to be used for, or in order to the false making or counterfeiting of any such coin as in this