

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

## COINAGE OFFENCES

section aforesaid, shall be guilty of felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable, to be imprisoned for life, with or without hard labour.

42/1969  
3rd Sch.

### *Other Matters*

20. Where any coin shall be tendered as current gold or silver coin to any Government officer as such, who shall suspect the same to be diminished otherwise than by reasonable wear, or to be counterfeit, it shall be lawful for such officer to cut, break, bend, or deface such coin; and if any coin so cut, broken, bent, or defaced, shall appear to be diminished otherwise than by reasonable wearing, or to be counterfeit, the person tendering the same shall bear the loss thereof; but if the same shall be of due weight, and shall appear to be lawful coin, the officer cutting, breaking, bending or defacing the same is hereby required to receive the same at the rate it was coined for; and if any dispute shall arise whether the coin so cut, broken, bent, or defaced be diminished in manner aforesaid, or counterfeit, it shall be heard and finally determined in a summary manner by any Justice who is hereby empowered to examine upon oath as well the parties as any other person, in order to the decision of such dispute.

Coin suspected to be diminished or counterfeit may be cut.

21. If any person shall find or discover in any place whatever, or in the custody or possession of any person having the same without lawful authority or excuse, any false or counterfeit coin, resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for any current gold or silver or copper coin, or any instrument, tool, or engine whatsoever, adapted and intended for the counterfeiting of any such coin, or any filings, or clippings, or any gold or silver bullion, or any gold or silver in dust, solution, or otherwise, which shall have been produced or obtained by diminishing or lightening any current gold or silver coin, it shall be lawful for

Discovery and seizure of counterfeit coin and coining tools.