

VI. *Be it therefore enacted*, That in case any person may hereafter be imprisoned for debt, at the suit of the Crown, it shall be lawful for any two of the Judges of his Majesty's Supreme Court, to examine any such person or persons on oath, and by all lawful ways and means to ascertain whether such person or persons be Insolvent or not, and if it shall appear to said Judges that the person or persons so imprisoned at the suit of the Crown, be unable to pay the debt or debts so due, it shall be lawful for such Judges to certify the same, together with an inventory of such property as it may appear that such insolvent Debtor or Debtors may be possessed of, to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being; and it shall be lawful for such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, if he shall think proper, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal, to order His Majesty's Attorney General to assent, on behalf of the King, to the discharge of such Insolvent Debtor or Debtors, any thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debtors of the Crown, how relieved.

CAP. II.

An ACT in amendment of an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to prevent the circulation of base and counterfeit Half-pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings, in this Province.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the provisions contained in said recited Act, many ignorant and evil disposed persons still continue to import and circulate as Half-pence, large quantities of base Copper Coin; and whereas, experience has proved that a sufficient quantity of Copper Coin, or Half-pence, such as do legally pass current in Great-Britain and Ireland, cannot be obtained in this Province, whereby the trade of the same suffers great injury and inconvenience: for remedy whereof:

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That immediate measures shall be taken to obtain a quantity of good and proper Copper Half-pence, sufficient for the trade and circulation of this Province, and calculated not to be under the weight of five penny weight and twelve grains for each Half-penny; for which purpose one or more fit and proper persons, not exceeding three, shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council for the time being, to act as Commissioner or Commissioners in this behalf; and it shall be lawful for such Commissioner or Commissioners, when so appointed, to cause a quantity of Copper, such as is generally used for the Copper Coin issued from the Mint, to be coined and stamped in England; each piece of copper, when so coined and stamped off, to be of the weight of five penny weight twelve grains, at least; and the device of the die to be used, in stamping and coining such copper, shall be taken from the Great Seal appointed by His Majesty for the use of this Province—the Arms of the United Kingdom to be on the one side, and the Provincial Badge of Distinction, by Royal Authority appointed, for the reverse of said Great Seal, to be on the other side of such Copper Coin.

Copper Half-pence to be procured.

Weight of each Copper.]

Commissioners to be appointed to procure them.

Die.

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with such suitable Legend or Inscription as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, shall appoint and direct.

Amount. Place of Deposit and of Issue. II. *And be it further enacted,* That the Copper Half-pence, so to be provided and imported, shall be of a value not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds of the Provincial Currency : and the said Commissioner or Commissioners shall cause the same, when so imported, to be deposited in the Treasury of the Province, and shall take care that the die or stamp used for such coinage, shall be deposited in such place and in such manner for safe keeping in England, as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, shall appoint and direct.

When to be issued. Base Copper Coin. III. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as conveniently may be after such Half-pence shall have been so lodged in the Provincial Treasury, it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by Proclamation, to order such Half-pence to be issued and circulated from the Treasury, and also to appoint a time when all other kind of copper, coined or uncoined, except the copper coin issued under the authority of this Act, and those enumerated and made lawful in the Act of which this is an amendment, and such as shall be issued by Royal Authority for the use of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred, shall cease to be used, and shall no longer be tendered or received as Half-pence in this Province, under the penalty of incurring the forfeiture and fine imposed by the Act of which this is an amendment.

Counterfeiting Provincial Copper Coin. IV. *And be it further enacted,* That any person convicted of counterfeiting or impairing any of said Copper Coin, or of uttering any counterfeited or impaired Copper Coin, knowing the same to be so counterfeited or impaired, shall suffer the same fines and penalties which any person or persons convicted of counterfeiting or impairing any Foreign Coins current in this Province, are liable to suffer by the Laws or Statutes of the Province in such case made and provided.

CAP. III.

An ACT for the Importation of certain kinds of Grain, Flour and Meal, and for furnishing the same to such Settlers within the Province as are in indigent circumstances, owing to the failure of Crops.

Commissioners to be appointed to procure Grain, Flour, and Meal. **B**E it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, immediately after the publication hereof, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Council, to appoint such person or persons, as he may judge proper, a commissioner or commissioners, for the purpose of procuring and importing into this Province, Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Fine and Coarse Flour, and Meal, not exceeding in value the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds.

Distribution. II. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Rye, Barley, Indian Corn, Fine and Coarse Flour, and Meal, so to be imported as aforesaid, shall be distributed to the several Counties and Districts, in manner following, that is to say :