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59 George III – Chapter 1

**An Act to amend an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for better regulating the Weight and Rates at which certain Coins shall pass current in this Province, for preventing the falsifying, counterfeiting and impairing of the same, and for repealing the Act and Ordinance therein-mentioned. (24th April, 1819.)**

Whereas it is expedient and necessary to provide that the Gold and Silver Coins of France, coined since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, shall be made current and be deemed a legal tender in this Province; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the government of the said Province;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, the following Coins shall pass current and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever in this Province, at the following rates and weights, that is to say, of the gold coin, coined in France since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, when weighed by the single piece, the forty francs piece, weighing eight penny-weights six grains, Troy, at one pound sixteen shillings and two pence, currency, the twenty francs piece, weighing four pennyweights three grains, Troy, at eighteen shillings and one penny, currency; and of the silver coins of France coined since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the piece of six livres at five shillings and six pence, currency, and the piece of five francs Tournois, at four shillings and eight pence, currency, and all the higher and lower denominations of the said gold and silver coins shall also pass current, and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever, in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person whatsoever shall, after the passing of this Act, utter or tender in payment to any person or persons, any false or counterfeit money, counterfeit to any of the gold and silver coin made current, or intended to pass current in this Province, as above said and provided, or to any of the higher or lower denominations thereof, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit and shall be, thereof convicted, such person so offending, shall suffer one year's imprisonment, and shall also be set in and upon the Pillory for the space of one hour, in some market-place; and if the same person shall, afterwards offend a second time, in uttering or tendering in payment any such false or counterfeit money as aforesaid, knowing the same to be so, and shall be convicted of such second offence, he or she shall be, and is hereby adjudged to be guilty of felony, without benefit of Clergy.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for every grain which any piece of the aforesaid French gold Coins shall respectively weigh more than the standard aforesaid, when weighed

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by the single piece, there shall be allowed and added, in all payments, two pence and one fifth of a penny, currency, and for every grain which any piece of the same shall respectively weigh less than the standard aforesaid, there shall be allowed and deduced in all payments, two pence and one fifth of a penny, currency.