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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XI.

AN ACT to improve the Copper Currency of this Island.

[Passed 31st May, 1851.]

WHEREAS large quantities of Spurious Copper Coins have been Preamble.
imported into and are now in circulation within this Colony, to the great
injury of Merchants and others; and it is expedient to make provision for
a good and sufficient Copper Coinage within the said Colony and its
Dependencies:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Governor may,
Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, and by the authority of with advice of
the same, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Council, procure
Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Council, to copper tokens,
procure such quantities of Copper Tokens, representing Pennies and representing
Half-Pennies, Currency, as may be purchased and imported for the Sum pennies and half-
of Five Hundred Pounds. pennies.

II.—*And be it further enacted*, That the Governor, or Administrator of Governor and
the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, shall Council to deter-
determine what intrinsic value of Copper shall be contained in the Penny mine the intrinsic
and Half Penny Tokens, so to be imported: *Provided*, that such Copper value of the
Tokens shall be a Legal Tender to the amount of One Shilling, and no tokens.
more.

III.—*And be it further enacted*, That such Copper Tokens shall be Tokens to be
stamped upon both sides with such suitable Devices and Legends as may stamped with
be prescribed by the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, by suitable devices.
and with the advice aforesaid.

IV.—*And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any Per- No person, except
son or Persons whomsoever, except under the authority of this Act, to by authority of
Import into this Colony any Tokens to be circulated therein as Money, the Governor, to
and representing, or intending to represent, the value of any Copper import copper
Money. tokens.

Any officer of
customs may
seize copper
tokens illicitly
imported.

V.—*And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for any Officer of Her Majesty's Customs to Seize and Secure any Tokens which may hereafter be imported into this Colony for circulation and use as Copper Money, or as representing, or intending to represent, the value of any Copper Money, without the authority aforesaid, and contrary to the provisions of this Act; and all such Tokens shall, upon Oath, in Writing, of the fact of such Seizure, being made before any Justice of the Peace, be by him declared to be forfeited, and shall be delivered by such Officer to such Justice of the Peace to be by him destroyed, or appropriated to the use of the Colony, as the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, may direct.

Suspending
clause.

VI.—*And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not have any force or effect until Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have been first signified.