

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1836. Toronto: Robert Stanton, 1836.

6 William IV – Chapter 27 (Session 1)

An Act to repeal and amend certain Acts of this Province, in relation to the Gold and Silver Coin made current by Law, and to make further provision respecting the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current in this Province. Passed 20th April, 1836.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Laws for the regulation of certain Coins current 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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled '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 by the authority of the same, That the first, second, third, fourth, and eighth sections of an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of King George the Third, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of certain Coins current in this Province," and also an Act passed in the forty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better regulation of certain Coins current in this Province, to equalize them to the Standard weight and value of the like Coins in the Province of Lower Canada,'" and also an Act passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, entitled "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of His late Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the better regulation of certain Coins current in this Province, and to make further provision for the regulation of the British Silver and Copper Coinage current in this Province,'" and also another Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of His said Majesty King George the Fourth, entitled "An Act for the better regulation of the Currency," shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Gold and Silver Coins hereinafter mentioned shall pass current and be deemed a legal tender in payment of all debts and demands whatsoever in this Province, at the weights and rates following, that is to say:—

Of Gold Coins:

The British Guinea, weighing five pennyweights nine and a half grains Troy, at one pound five shillings and sixpence;

The British Sovereign, weighing five pennyweights three and a half grains Troy, at twenty-four shillings and fourpence;

The Eagle of the United States of America, coined before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, weighing eleven pennyweights six grains Troy, at fifty-three shillings and fourpence;

The Eagle of the United States of America, coined since the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, weighing ten pennyweights eighteen grains Troy, at fifty shillings;

And of Silver Coins:

The British Crown, at six shillings;

The British Half Crown, at three shillings;

The British Shilling, at one shilling and threepence;

The British Sixpence, at sevenpence half-penny;

The Spanish Milled Dollar, at five shillings, equal to four shillings and sixpence Sterling money of Great Britain;

The Dollar of the United States of America, at five shillings;

The Mexican Dollar, coined in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, at five shillings;

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 in the same proportions respectively.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall colour, gild, or case over with gold or silver, or with any wash or materials producing the colour of gold or silver, any Coin of coarse gold or of coarse silver, or of base metal resembling any Coin made or declared to be current by this Act, or if any person or persons shall bring or cause to be brought into this Province any forged, false, or counterfeit money, like to any of the Gold or Silver Coin made or declared to be current in this Act, knowing the same to be false, forged or counterfeit, or any Coin of coarse gold or of coarse silver, or of base metal, coloured, gilded or cased over with gold or silver, or with any wash or materials producing the colour of gold or silver, and resembling any such Coin, or any piece of gilded silver resembling any such Coin, knowing the same, every such person shall for every such offence be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to suffer such punishment as is provided by the twenty-fifth clause of a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the third year of the reign of His present Majesty, entitled "An Act to

reduce the number of cases in which Capital Punishment may be inflicted, to provide other punishment for offences which shall no longer be Capital after the passing of this Act, to abolish the privilege called Benefit of Clergy, and to make other alterations in certain criminal proceedings before and after conviction.”

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall after the passing of this Act, utter or tender in payment to any person or persons any false or counterfeit money, counterfeited to any of the Gold or Silver Coins made or declared to be current by this Act, as hereinbefore specified, or to any of the higher or lower denominations thereof, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, and shall be thereof convicted, every such person so offending shall be liable to suffer such punishment as is provided for any of the offences mentioned in the last preceding clause of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such of the Gold or Silver Coins made or declared current by this Act, as are depreciated in weight more than one twenty-fifth part of their full weight shall not be legal money in this Province.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be and continue in force for four years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.