

Forgery Act, 1913.

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CHAPTER 27.

An Act to consolidate, simplify, and amend the Law A.D. 1913.
relating to Forgery and kindred Offences.

[15th August 1913.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, forgery is the making of a false document in order that it may be used as genuine, and in the case of the seals and dies mentioned in this Act the counterfeiting of a seal or die, and forgery with intent to defraud or deceive, as the case may be, is punishable as in this Act provided. Definition of forgery.

(2) A document is false within the meaning of this Act if the whole or any material part thereof purports to be made by or on behalf or on account of a person who did not make it nor authorise its making ; or if, though made by or on behalf or on account of the person by whom or by whose authority it purports to have been made, the time or place of making, where either is material, or, in the case of a document identified by number or mark, the number or any distinguishing mark identifying the document, is falsely stated therein ; and in particular a document is false :—

- (a) if any material alteration, whether by addition, insertion, obliteration, erasure, removal, or otherwise, has been made therein ;
- (b) if the whole or some material part of it purports to be made by or on behalf of a fictitious or deceased person ;
- (c) if, though made in the name of an existing person, it is made by him or by his authority with the intention that it should pass as having been made by some person, real or fictitious, other than the person who made or authorised it.

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(3) For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) it is immaterial in what language a document is expressed or in what place within or without the King's dominions it is expressed to take effect ;
- (b) Forgery of a document may be complete even if the document when forged is incomplete, or is not or does not purport to be such a document as would be binding or sufficient in law ;