

Reino Unido. Parliament

An act to prevend the forging of notes and bills of the governor and company of the Bank of Ireland, an to prevent the obtaining of false credit, and the committing of frauds by the imitation of notes or bills of the said governor and company.

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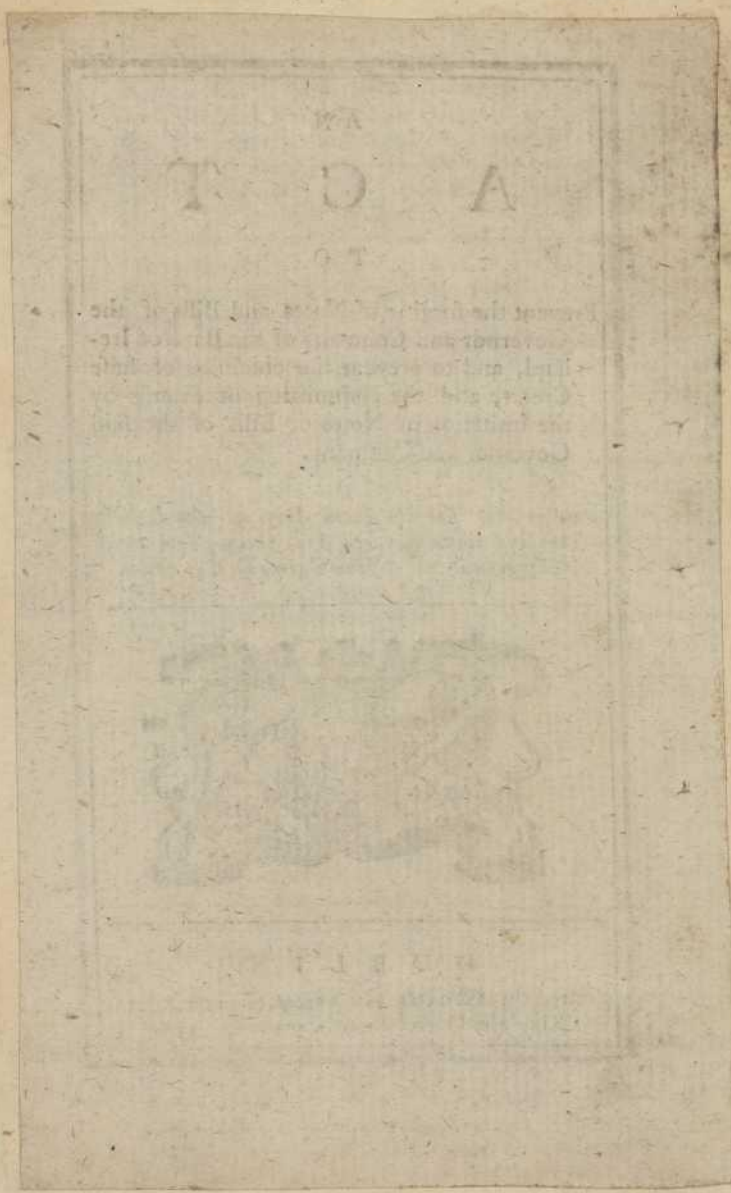
Prevent the forging of Notes and Bills of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, and to prevent the obtaining of false Credit, and the committing of Frauds by the Imitation of Notes or Bills of the said Governor and Company.

Passed the Twenty-fourth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, Royal Assent given. John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.



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Printed by GEORGE GRIERSON, Printer to the King's most Excellent MAJESTY. 1707.



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FOR the more effectually preventing the forging of Notes and Bills of

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the Governor and Company
of the Bank of *Ireland*;
Be it Enacted by the King's
most Excellent Majesty, by
and with the Advice and
Consent of the Lords Spirit-
tual and Temporal, and
Commons in this present
Parliament assembled, and
by the Authority of the
same, That from and after
the First Day of *June*, in
the Year of our Lord One
thousand seven hundred and
ninety-seven, if any Per-
son or Persons, other than
the Officers, Workmen,
Servants, or Agents for the
Time being, of the said
Governor and Company, to
be

Any Person
who after 1
June 1797,
shall have any
Mould or
Instrument
for making
Paper with
the Words
"Bank of Ire-
land" in the
Substance, or
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be authorized and appointed for that purpose, by the said Governor and Company, and for the Use of the said Governor and Company only, shall make or use, or cause or procure to be made or used, or knowingly aid or assist in the making or using, or, without being authorized and appointed as aforesaid, shall knowingly have in his, her or their Custody or Possession, without lawful Excuse, the Proof whereof shall be on the Person accused, any Frame, Mould, or Instrument for the making of Paper, with the Words
“ Bank

pointed by
Governor &
Company; or
shall by art
make such
Words appear
in the Sub-
stance of any
Paper, shall
be transport-
ed for Life.

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“Bank of *Ireland*,” visible, in the Substance of such Paper, or shall make, or cause or procure to be made, or knowingly aid or assist in making any Paper in the Substance of which the said Words “Bank of *Ireland*” shall be visible, or if any Person, except as before excepted, after the said First Day of *June*, shall, by any Art, Mystery, or Contrivance, cause or procure the said Words, “Bank of *Ireland*,” to appear visible in the Substance of any Paper whatsoever, or knowingly aid or assist in causing the said Words, “Bank of *Ireland*,” to appear

appear in the Substance of any Paper whatsoever, every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall for such Offence be adjudged a Felon, and shall be transported for his or her Life.

2. And for preventing Injury to public Credit by unwary and other Persons taking in Payment, and otherwise receiving Notes, Inland Bills, and Bills of Exchange, with certain Words and Characters, so nearly resembling Notes and Bills of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of

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of *Ireland*, as to appear to such Person to be Notes or Bills of the Bank of *Ireland*: And for preventing the Practice of Shop-keepers, and others making Use of Notices, Advertisements, or other Papers in their outward Form similar to Notes of the Bank of *Ireland*, engraved with Flourishes and Devices in the Margin, and with a certain Number in white Letters on a Black or any dark Ground, in the manner the Sum or Value of Notes of the Bank of *Ireland* is expressed at the Foot thereof, and in other respects resembling the same, by
which

which Frauds may be, and have been committed on ignorant or illiterate Persons; be it Enacted, That from and after the said First Day of *June*, if any Person or Persons, without being authorized and appointed as aforesaid, shall engrave, cut, etch, scrape in Metzotinto, or shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, or scraped in Metzotinto, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the Engraving, Cutting, Etching, or Scraping in Metzotinto, in or upon any Plate of Copper, Brass, Steel, Pewter, or of any other Metal, or Mixture of Metals,

50^l. Penalty
or 6 Months
Imprisonment
for engraving
any Note,
Bill, Adverti-
tisement, &c.
resembling
Bank of Ire-
land Notes, in
Manner here-
in described;
or for utter-
ing such, from
1 June, 1797.

Metals, or upon Wood, or any other Material, or any Plate whatsoever, any Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or Blank Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or Part of a Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, containing the Words, "Bank of Ireland," or "Bank Post Bill," or any Word or Words expressing the Sum or Amount, or any Part of the Sum or Amount of such Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, in white Letters or Figures, on a black or dark Ground, or any Notice or Advertisement

ment from any Shop-keeper or other Person, with Flourishes or Devices in the Margin, or any Number thereon in white Letters or Figures, on a black or dark Ground, or shall use any such Plate so engraved, cut, etched, or scraped in Met-zotinto, or shall use any other Instrument for the making or printing any such Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or blank Promissory Note, Inland Bill, or Bill of Exchange, or Notice or Advertisement; and if any Person, without being authorized and appointed as aforesaid, shall,
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after the First Day of *June*,
in the Year of our Lord,
One thousand seven hun-
dred and ninety-seven,
knowingly have in his, her,
or their Custody, any such
Plate or Instrument, or shall
knowingly and wilfully utter
or publish any such Promis-
sory Note, Inland Bill, or
Bill of Exchange, blank
Promissory Note, Inland
Bill, or Bill of Exchange,
or utter or disperse any such
Notice or Advertisement,
every such Person so offend-
ing in any of the Cases
aforesaid, and being con-
victed thereof, according to
Law, shall be fined in any
Sum

Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds, or be committed to the common Gaol of the County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, for any Space of Time not exceeding Six Months.

3. Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend to any Person or Persons who, being at any Time hereafter possessed of any such Note or Bill, shall only utter the same, by carrying the same for Payment to the Issuer or Issuers, Drawer or Drawers, Acceptor or Acceptors, Indorser

Not to extend to Persons hereafter possessed of such Notes or Bills, and who use proper Means to compel Payment.

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or Indorsers thereof, respectively, or using proper Means to compel the Payment of any such Note or Bill.

3. Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing herein contained shall in any Sort extend, or be construed to extend to any Promissory Notes or Bills of Exchange, executed and dated before the First Day of *June*, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, or to prevent or affect the uttering, negotiating, receiving or paying the same, save only by the Makers thereof.

Not to extend to Notes executed and dated before 1 June, 1797, save as herein.

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