

ACT No. XII OF 1899.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 10th
March, 1899.)

An Act to amend the law relating to the for-
gery of currency-notes and bank-notes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating
to the forgery of currency-notes and bank-notes;
It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title
and com-
mencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Currency-
Notes Forgery Act, 1899; and

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Addition of
new sections
after section
489, Act
XLV, 1860.

2. After section 489 of the Indian Penal Code the
following sections shall be added, namely:—

XLV of
1860.

‘Of Currency-Notes and Bank-Notes.

Counterfeit-
ing currency-
notes or
bank-notes.

‘489A. Whoever counterfeits, or knowingly per-
forms any part of the process of counterfeiting, any
currency-note or bank-note, shall be punished with
transportation for life, or with imprisonment of either
description for a term which may extend to ten years,
and shall also be liable to fine.

‘Explanation.—For the purposes of this section
and of sections 489B, 489C and 489D, the expression
“bank-note” means a promissory note or engage-
ment for the payment of money to bearer on demand
issued by any person carrying on the business of
banking in any part of the world, or issued by or
under the authority of any State or Sovereign Power,
and intended to be used as equivalent to, or as a sub-
stitute for, money.

Using as
genuine
forged or

‘489B. Whoever sells to, or buys or receives from,
any other person, or otherwise traffics in or uses as
genuine,

genuine, any forged or counterfeit currency-note or bank-note, knowing or having reason to believe the same to be forged or counterfeit, shall be punished with transportation for life, or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.

counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes.

'489C. Whoever has in his possession any forged or counterfeit currency-note or bank-note, knowing or having reason to believe the same to be forged or counterfeit and intending to use the same as genuine or that it may be used as genuine, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to seven years, or with fine, or with both.

Possession of forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes.

'489D. Whoever makes, or performs any part of the process of making, or buys or sells or disposes of, or has in his possession, any machinery, instrument or material for the purpose of being used, or knowing or having reason to believe that it is intended to be used, for forging or counterfeiting any currency-note or bank-note, shall be punished with transportation for life, or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to fine.'

Making or possessing instruments or materials for forging or counterfeiting currency-notes or bank-notes.

V of 1898.

XLV of 1860.

3. In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, Schedule II, after the entries relating to section 489 of the Indian Penal Code the following shall be added, namely :—

Addition to Schedule II. Act V, 1898.

"Of Currency-Notes and Bank-Notes.

489A	Counterfeiting currency-notes or bank-notes.	May arrest without warrant.	Warrant .	Not bailable.	Not compoundable.	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for 10 years, and fine.	Court of Session.
489B	Using as genuine forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes.	Ditto .	Ditto .	Ditto .	Ditto .	Ditto	Ditto.
489C	Possession of forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes.	Ditto .	Ditto .	Bailable .	Ditto .	Imprisonment of either description for 7 years, or fine, or both.	Ditto.
489D	Making or possessing instruments or materials for forging or counterfeiting currency-notes or bank-notes.	Ditto .	Ditto .	Not bailable.	Ditto .	Transportation for life, or imprisonment of either description for 10 years, and fine.	Ditto."