

of this Island, whether under the dominion of her Majesty or not, the money payable or secured by such bill, note, undertaking, warrant, order, deed, bond, or writing obligatory, may be, or may purport to be payable, and in whatever language or languages the same, or any part thereof, may be expressed, and whether such bill, note, undertaking, warrant, or order, be or be not under seal, every such person, and every person aiding, abetting, or counselling such person, shall be deemed to be an offender within the meaning of this Act, and shall be punishable thereby, the same as if the money had been payable, or had purported to be payable in this Island.

24. And be it enacted, That if any person shall forge, or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any instrument or writing designated by any special name or description, and such instrument or writing, however designated, is in law a will, testament, codicil, or testamentary writing, or a bill of exchange, or a promissory note for the payment of money, or an indorsement on, or assignment of, a bill of exchange or promissory note for the payment of money, or an acceptance of a bill of exchange, or an undertaking, warrant, or order for the payment of money, within the true intent and meaning of this Act; in every such case, the person forging or altering such instrument or writing, or offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off, such instrument or writing, knowing the same to be forged, or altered, may be indicted as an offender against this Act, and punished accordingly.

Forging, &c., any instrument however designated, if the same be in law a will, note, &c., subjects offender to be punished as for forging a will, &c.

25. And be it enacted, That on any prosecution by indictment or information, either at common law or by virtue of this Act, against any person for forging or altering any deed, writing, instrument, or other matter whatsoever, or for uttering, disposing of, or putting off, any deed, writing, instrument, or other matter whatsoever, knowing the same to be forged or altered, or for being accessory before or after the fact to any such offence, if the same be a felony, or for aiding, abetting, or counselling the commission of any such offence, if the same be a misdemeanour, no person shall be deemed to be an incompetent witness in support of any such prosecution by reason of any interest which such person may have or be supposed to have in respect of such deed, writing, instrument, or other matter.

No person deemed an incompetent witness by reason of any interest in forged deed, &c.

26. And be it enacted, That when any offence punishable under this Act, shall be committed within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, the same shall be dealt with, inquired of, tried and determined in the same manner as any other offence committed within that jurisdiction.

Offences under this Act committed in the jurisdiction of the Admiralty.

27. And in order to prevent justice from being defeated by clerical or verbal inaccuracies, be it enacted, That in all informations or indictments for forging or altering, or in any manner uttering any instrument or writing, it shall not be necessary to set forth any copy or fac-simile thereof, but it shall be sufficient to describe the same in such manner as would sustain an indictment for stealing the same; any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not necessary to set forth fac-simile of any writing.

28. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the first day of December, in the present year, and shall not be held to extend to any offence named in the same which shall have been committed prior to the first day of December.

Commencement of Act.

No. 248.

21 October 1847.]—AN ACT for establishing a Public Library and Museum in this Island.

WHEREAS a public library containing a collection of books of reference and practical works, with a museum of natural and scientific subjects, and productions of art would be beneficial to the community: And whereas it is expedient that such a library and museum in connexion therewith should be established and maintained under proper regulations: Be it therefore enacted by his Excellency William Reid, esq., Lieutenant-Colonel in her Majesty's Royal Engineers, Companion of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of this Island, the Honourable the

Preamble.

No. 248.
21 October 1847.
Public Library and
Museum to be es-
tablished.

Denominated "The
Barbados Library
and Museum," to
whom open, &c.

The Governor the
patron, the property
vested in trustees.

The Governor to ap-
point a librarian,
&c.
Trustees to make
rules, with the Gover-
nor's consent.

Public Act.

Members of her Majesty's Council, and the General Assembly of this Island, and by the authority of the same, That a public library be established and kept in such part and place of the city of Bridge-Town, as shall be fixed on by the Trustees under this Act, with the consent of the Governor; and that a public museum be in like manner established and maintained in the same place, or immediately adjacent thereto, and that for the purposes of such museum the Trustees of the aforesaid library shall be the Trustees also of such museum.

2. And be it enacted, That the said library and museum shall be denominated "The Barbados Library and Museum," and shall be open and free to all persons residing in Barbados, whether civil or military, or serving in her Majesty's navy; subject, nevertheless, to the rules and regulations to be by the trustees for the time being made, as hereafter provided; and shall consist of such books, prints, maps, and philosophical and other instruments and apparatus, and such natural and scientific subjects and productions of art, as shall from time to time be contributed thereto, by donation, and accepted by the trustees for the time being, or be purchased out of any funds which may be contributed for that purpose by individuals, or appropriated thereto by the Legislature.

3. And be it enacted, That the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being shall be the patron of such library and museum, the property whereof shall be vested in the trustees thereof for the time being, and such trustees shall consist of five fit and proper persons, to be nominated by the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being; and in case of the death, resignation, refusal to act, or incapacity of any of the persons appointed as trustees, the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint some other fit and proper person and persons to act as trustee and trustees, in the room of such trustee or trustees who shall have died, resigned, refused to act, or become incapable of acting in the said trusts.

4. And be it enacted, That the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, shall have power from time to time to appoint a librarian, who shall also hold the office of curator of the museum, and that the said trustees, or a quorum thereof, shall, with the consent of the Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, have power to make all necessary regulations for the good government, management, arrangement, distribution, preservation, access to, and use of, the said library and museum, and for the occasional temporary loan of books, not being books of reference, therefrom; under such precautions and restrictions as to them shall seem right, and from time to time to alter or annul any such regulations, and make others in lieu thereof.

5. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such.

No. 249.
27 October 1847.

Preamble.

No. 249.

27 October 1847.]—AN ACT to repeal so much of an Act of this Island, entitled "An Act to establish a Police in Bridge-Town, in the parish of St. Michael," as requires the Town Clerk to account to the Vestry of the parish; and also to make other provisions for the future appointments of Town Clerks.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Island passed the Twenty-ninth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act to establish a Police in Bridge Town in the Parish of St. Michael," certain powers were granted to the Vestry of the said parish of St. Michael in relation to the police authorized to be established by the said Act, including the appointment of a Town Clerk, who is required to account to them for all moneys received by him in the manner in the said Act particularly provided, and the said Vestry were directed and required in and by the said Act to assess, levy and raise the annual sum of two thousand pounds current money of this Island, on the inhabitants of Bridge-Town, towards the support of the police