

Jamaica Stamp Forgery Act of 1887

JAMAICA LAW 1 OF 1887
[29 APRIL 1887].

The British and Foreign Postage Stamps Forgery Law, 1887.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the punishment of persons forging or uttering forged British or Foreign Postage Stamps: – Preamble

Be it enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the Island of Jamaica, as follows: –

1 – For the purposes of this Law, the expression "Postage Stamp" shall mean any piece of paper or other material bearing the words, forms, devices or characters, commonly borne by the Stamps used in any Country to express or denote payment of the rate or duty payable on the transmission of letters, papers, parcels or other things, transmissible through the Post Office of that Country. Interpretation clause.

The term "British Postage Stamp" shall mean any Postage Stamp used as aforesaid in any of the Dominions of Her Majesty except this Island.

The term "Foreign Postage Stamp" shall mean any Postage Stamp used as aforesaid in any Country outside Her Majesty's Dominions.

2 – In any prosecution under this Law, the evidence of the Postmaster for Jamaica, or of the Chief Clerk in the office of the said Postmaster, that to the best of his knowledge and belief any piece of paper or other material produced is a Postage Stamp in use in any Country to express or denote payment of the rate or duty payable on the transmission as aforesaid in that Country shall be prima facie evidence that such piece of paper or other material is a Postage Stamp used in that Country. Prima facie Evidence as to Postage Stamp.

3 – Whosoever shall forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any British or Foreign Postage Stamp, or any part thereof, or who shall knowingly utter, dispose of or put off, any forged or counterfeited British or Foreign Postage Stamp, or any part thereof, or who shall forge or counterfeit, or procure to be forged or counterfeited, any die, plate or other instrument, from which a British or Foreign Postage Stamp, or a Stamp apparently intended to resemble a British or Foreign Postage Stamp, might be printed or otherwise produced, or any part of any such die, plate or instrument, or shall have any such forged or counterfeited Postage Stamp, or die, plate or instrument, in his possession with intent in any such case to defraud Her Majesty or any Foreign Prince or State, or the Post Office authorities of Her Majesty or any Foreign Prince or State, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be kept in penal servitude for any term not exceeding fourteen years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding two years. Forgery of Stamps or dies etc. For Stamps

1 – This Law and Law 22 of 1872 shall be incorporated and be read and construed together as one Law. Law 22 of 1872 incorporated.

5 – The Provisions of this Law shall be deemed and taken to extend and apply to the Turks and Caicos Islands. Law to extend to Turks and Caicos Islands.

Passed in Council 21st April, 1887.

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, President.