

CHAP. 138.

10 Of forging deeds, wills, bonds notes, &c.

porting to be a note of a bank which does not exist, shall be deemed a felon, and shall, on being duly convicted thereof, be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than five nor more than ten years, to be treated as herein directed. 10th. Any person who shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in falsely making, forging, altering or counterfeiting, any deed, will, testament or codicil, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or any acquittance or receipt, either for money or property, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever, or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, will, testament or codicil, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, acquittance or receipt for money or property, shall be deemed a felon, and on being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than five nor more than ten years, to be dealt with as hereinafter mentioned.

Y. Punishments of offences affecting the public police
1 Of polygamy.

Proviso.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the offences herein after mentioned, affecting the public police, shall be punished in manner following; that is to say, 1st. Whosoever being married, shall, the first husband or wife, as the case may be, being alive, marry any person or persons, shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than one year nor more than nine years; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any person whose husband or wife shall be continually remaining beyond the seas seven years together, or shall be absent himself or herself seven years together, in any part within the United States, or elsewhere, the one of them not knowing the other to be living at that time; and if such offender be a man, his first wife shall, on his conviction, be forthwith endowed of one third part of his real estate, which she shall hold as tenant in dower, the assignment of which shall be made as prescribed by law in other cases of dower, and she shall have the like remedy for the recovery thereof; and she shall also, on his conviction, be forthwith entitled to one third part of his personal estate, in the same manner as if such husband had died intestate and she had survived him, which third part shall be divided and allotted to her in the same manner as distribution is made of the personal estate of intestates; and if the said offender be a man, he shall, on conviction, forfeit his claim or title as tenant by the curtesy, and also all his claim or title to any estate, personal or mixed, which he may have in right of his first wife; and if the said offender be a woman, she shall, on conviction, forfeit her claim to dower of the estate of her first husband, and also her distributory share of his personal estate, which she would be entitled to if he had died intestate, and she had survived him. 2d. Every person who shall be duly convicted of keeping any E O table, or any other kind of gaming table, billiard-tables excepted, at which the games of Pharo, Equality, or any other game of chance shall be played for money, or of keeping any bank, and inducing

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