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**SCHEDULE.****CHAPTER 264.****COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY.**

18 of 1936.  
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**An Ordinance to give Effect in Sierra Leone to an International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency signed on behalf of His Majesty at Geneva on the Twentieth Day of April, 1929, by applying Certain Statutes in Force in England and to amend the Law Relating to the Counterfeiting of Coins and to Forgery.**

[16TH DECEMBER, 1936.]

Short title.

**1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Counterfeit Currency Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate.**

3 and 4  
Geo. V., c. 27  
applied to the  
Protectorate.

**2. The Forgery Act, 1913, is hereby applied to the Protectorate to the extent to which it applies to the Colony.**

Application  
of Imperial  
Statutes.

**3. Subject to the provisions of section 7 of the Interpretation Ordinance, the Statutes of the Imperial Parliament set forth in the first column of the Schedule are hereby expressly declared to apply to Sierra Leone to the extent specified in the second column of the Schedule.**

4. In the application to Sierra Leone of the Coinage Offences Act, 1861, and of the Counterfeit Medal Act, 1883, the term "current gold and silver coin" shall be interpreted so as to include all coins of mixed metal current in Sierra Leone by virtue of the provisions of any Order made by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Interpretation of "gold and silver coin."

5. (1) No piece of gold, silver, copper, bronze, or of any metal or mixed metal of any value whatever, shall, except as may be expressly provided in that behalf by any order made by Her Majesty in Council, be made or issued in Sierra Leone as a coin or as a token for money, or as purporting that the holder thereof is entitled to demand any value denoted thereon.

Prohibition of the making or issuing of coin in Sierra Leone and the importation of counterfeit coin.

(2) There shall not be imported into Sierra Leone any counterfeit coins or any coins which by reason of having been illegally dealt with, or being below the least current weight, are not legal tender, or any coins which, not being legal tender under or by virtue of any Order made by Her Majesty in Council, are for the time being prohibited to be imported by any Proclamation made by the Governor with the approval of the Treasury in the United Kingdom and a Secretary of State.

(3) If any person acts in contravention of this section he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both.

(4) For the purposes of this section a coin shall be deemed to have been illegally dealt with where the coin has been impaired, diminished, or lightened otherwise than by fair wear and tear, or has been defaced by having any name, word, device, or number stamped or engraved thereon, whether or not the coin has or has not been thereby diminished or lightened.

6. (1) Any person who, without lawful authority or excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, either orally or in writing makes any enquiry of any other person, whether such last-mentioned person be within or without Sierra Leone—

Unlawful enquiries for purpose of committing crime relating to coin.

(a) as to the cost of obtaining or supplying any instrument or thing for the purpose of committing any crime relating to coin or for making material for the purpose of committing any crime relating to coin; or

(b) as to the cost of making, printing or otherwise reproducing any counterfeited coin; or

(c) as to whether such other person is prepared or would be prepared to make, print, or otherwise reproduce any counterfeited coin; or

(d) as to whether such other person is prepared or would be prepared to obtain or supply any counterfeited coin; or

(e) as to whether such other person is prepared or would be prepared to obtain or supply any instrument or thing for the purpose of committing any crime relating to coin or for making any material for the purpose of committing any crime relating to coin;

shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding one year.

(2) In the case of a written enquiry in connection with any of the matters or subjects to which sub-section (1) relates the fact that such enquiry was reduced into writing shall be sufficient proof of an attempt to commit the offence and the offender shall be subject to a like penalty as if he had committed the offence.

(3) For the purposes of this section the term "coin" means any metal or paper used for the time being as money, either in Sierra Leone or in other place or country, and which is legal tender in the country in which it is issued.

Amendment  
of 25 and 26  
Geo. V., c. 25.

7. In its application to Sierra Leone the Counterfeit Currency (Convention) Act, 1935, is hereby amended in the following particulars—

(a) by substituting the word "Governor" for the words "Secretary of State" in section 2;

(b) by substituting the words and brackets "(not being a current gold or silver coin)" for the words and brackets "(not being a gold or silver coin)" in Part I of the Schedule.

#### SCHEDULE.

Short Title.	Extent to which applied.
Counterfeit Medal Act, 1883 (46 and 47 Vict. c. 45).	The whole Act.
Counterfeit Currency (Convention) Act, 1935 (25 and 26 Geo. V., c. 25).	Sections 1, 2, 3 (1), (2) and (3) and 6 (1), (2), (3) and (4). Schedule Parts I and II.