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An Ordinance to render uniform the Laws establishing a Decimal System of Accounts, and regulating the Currency of the Colony.

[*2nd April*, 1867.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to render uniform the Laws establishing a Decimal System of Accounts, and regulating the Currency in all parts of the Colony; Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. "The Currency Act, 1862," of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and "The Decimal Currency Ordinance, 1865," and "The Currency Adjustment Ordinance, 1866," of the Colony of British Columbia, previous to the Union, are hereby repealed. Repeals former Acts.

II. The Public Accounts of the Colony shall be kept in Dollars and Cents; and all accounts to be rendered to the Government, or to any Public Office or Department in the said Colony, by any Officer or Functionary, or by any person receiving aid from the Colony, or being otherwise accountable to the Government thereof, shall be so rendered in Dollars and Cents. Public Accounts to be kept in Dollars and Cents.

III. Except as to Fines, Forfeitures, Duties of Customs, and other the sums hereinafter excepted, the following Gold and Silver Coins shall pass current for and be a legal tender for the sums set opposite to them: Equivalent moneys of Account.

The pound Sterling, or Sovereign, for	Four Dollars and Eighty-five Cents,
The ½ Sovereign	Two Dollars and Forty-two and a half Cents,
The Crown piece	One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents.
The ½ Crown piece	Sixty-two and a half Cts,
The Shilling	Twenty-five Cents,
The Sixpence	Twelve and a half Cents,
The Threepenny piece	Six Cents,
The Gold Eagle of the U. S. of America, coined after January 18th, 1837,	Ten Dollars,
The Twenty Dollar piece, coined after the like date	Twenty Dollars,
The Five Dollar piece, coined after the like date	Five Dollars,
The Two and a half Dollar piece, coined after the like date	Two Dollars and Fifty Cents,

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The Dollar Gold piece, coined after the like date	One Dollar,
The Silver Dollar piece	One Dollar,
The Half Dollar	Fifty Cents,
The Quarter Dollar	Twenty-five Cents,
The Dime	Ten Cents.

Tender of Silver Coins limited.

IV. Silver Coins shall not be a legal tender to the amount of more than Ten Dollars; and the holder of Notes, or other Documents purporting to be evidence of debt of any person or persons, or body corporate, to the amount of more than Ten Dollars, shall not be bound to receive more than that amount in Silver Coins in payment of such Notes or other Documents as aforesaid, if they are presented for payment at one time, although each or any of such Notes or other Documents be for a less sum than Ten Dollars.

Scale for converting sterling in local laws into Currency.

VI. All Fines, Fees, Forfeitures, Duties of Customs, and other the sums of money made payable to the use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in Sterling, and which may be due or leviable under the provisions of any Act of the Imperial Parliament now or hereafter to become in force in this Colony, or of any Proclamation, Ordinance, or Act now in force in this Colony, or any part thereof, shall be levied, assessed, and collected according to the following scale of conversion, that is to say:—

In lieu of ½ Penny Sterling	1 Cent,
,, 1 Penny	2 Cents,
,, 1 Shilling, or 1 Shilling and a ½ Penny	25 Cents,
,, 2 Shillings, or 2 Shillings and 1 Penny	50 Cents,
,, 4 Shillings, or 4 Shillings and 2 Pence	1 Dollar,
,, 6 Shillings, or 6 Shillings and 3 Pence	1 Dollar and 50 Cents,
,, 8 Shillings, or 8 Shillings and 4 Pence	2 Dollars,

and so on in like proportion;
and in lieu of the Pound Sterling 5 Dollars.

Short Title.

VII. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Currency Ordinance, 1867."

Passed the Legislative Council the 20th day of March, A. D. 1867.

CHARLES GOOD, *Clerk.* ARTHUR N. BIRCH, *Presiding Member.*

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 2nd day of April, 1867.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR, *Governor.*

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