

or other thing intended to cover any opening to the building or any passage from one part of it to another.

167. (1.) Forgery is the making of a false document with intent to defraud or deceive any person, whether ascertained or unascertained. Forgery.

(2.) Every one who commits forgery is liable to five years' imprisonment.

(3.) Every one who, knowing a document to be forged, uses, deals with, or acts upon it, or attempts to use, deal with, or act upon it, or causes or attempts to cause any person to use, deal with, or act upon it as if it were genuine, is liable to five years' imprisonment, and it is immaterial whether the document was forged in Samoa or elsewhere.

(4.) A false document is—

(a.) A document the whole or some material part whereof purports to be made by or on behalf of any person who did not make or authorize the making thereof, or which, though made by or by the authority of the person who purports to make it, is falsely dated as to time or place of making, where either is material; or

(b.) A document the whole or some material part whereof purports to be made by or on behalf of some person who did not in fact exist; or

(c.) A document made in the name of an existing person, either by that person or by his authority, with the intention that the document should pass as being made by some person, real or fictitious, other than the person who makes or authorizes it.

(5.) Making a false document includes altering a genuine document in any material part, or making any material addition to it, or adding to it any false date, attestation, seal, or other thing that is material, or making any material alteration in it either by erasure, obliteration, removal, or otherwise.

(6.) Forgery is complete although the false document may be incomplete, or may not purport to be such a document as would be valid in law, if it be so made and is such as to indicate that it was intended to be acted on as genuine.

168. Every one who procures the execution of any document by any person by falsely pretending that the contents thereof are different from what they really are is guilty of forging that document, and is liable accordingly. Extended definition of forgery.

169. Every one is liable to seven years' imprisonment who makes or begins to make counterfeit coin of His Majesty or of any foreign prince or State, or who has in his possession any dies or other instruments or materials intended to be used in the making of such counterfeit coin. Making counterfeit coin.

170. Every one is liable to two years' imprisonment who diminishes or lightens any coin, whether of His Majesty or of any foreign prince or State, with intent that when so dealt with it shall pass as current coin either in His Majesty's dominions or elsewhere. Lightening coin.

171. Every one who fraudulently utters any counterfeit coin is liable to six months' imprisonment. Uttering counterfeit coin.

172. (1.) Arson is the offence of wilfully, and without lawful justification, and without *bona fide* claim of right, setting fire to any building, ship, crop, chattel, or other thing whatsoever, whether attached to the soil or not. Arson.

(2.) Where the person accused has an interest in the thing to which he so sets fire, the existence of such interest, if partial, shall not prevent his act from amounting to the offence of arson; and, if total, shall not prevent his act from amounting to such offence if done with intent to defraud.

(3.) Every one who commits the offence of arson shall be liable to five years' imprisonment.

173. (1.) Every one is guilty of an offence who wilfully and without lawful justification and without *bona fide* claim of right destroys or damages any property whether movable or immovable, Wilful mischief to property.