

shore, for the bills of credit to be issued by virtue of the resolutions of the Convention, who shall accordingly pay such orders.

That the Council of Safety may, in case they shall think it necessary, summon and call the Convention to meet before the day to which it may stand adjourned.

That the Council of Safety continue such until the next Convention, and no longer, and that they render an account of their proceedings, and always be subject to the controul of the Convention.

RESOLVED, in order to prevent an abuse of power from a continuance thereof in the same persons, That at each Convention, eight members of the preceding Council of Safety, four residing on the eastern and four on the western-shore, shall be ineligible to the succeeding Council; and that the said eight persons, immediately before the choice of the new Council of Safety, be ascertained by ballot.

That for providing for the defence of this province, and for encouraging and promoting the manufacture of salt-petre, erecting of a powder-mill, and the several other purposes directed by this Convention, RESOLVED, That bills of credit of the denomination of dollars and parts of a dollar, to the amount of 266,666 dollars, and two third parts of a dollar, be printed and struck with all convenient speed, under the care and direction of Messrs. Thomas Hyde and William Wilkins, supervisors, in manner and form following, to wit.

“ This bill of                    shall entitle the bearer hereof, to receive gold and silver, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar, for the said bill, according to a resolve of the Provincial Convention of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis, on the 26th day of July, 1775.”

That the said bills shall have such devices and marks as the said supervisors shall think proper, and the number of the said bills, as well as the denominations thereof, shall be the following and no other, to wit. seven thousand and ninety-six bills of sixteen dollars each, seven thousand and ninety-six bills of eight dollars each, seven thousand and ninety-six bills of four dollars each, seven thousand and ninety-six bills of two dollars and two thirds of a dollar each, ten thousand five hundred and twelve bills of one dollar and two thirds of a dollar each, ten thousand five hundred and twelve bills of one dollar and one third of a dollar each, ten thousand five hundred and twelve bills of one dollar each, and ten thousand five hundred and twelve bills of two thirds of a dollar each.

That the supervisors shall use the best of their care and diligence, that the said bills according to their respective denominations aforesaid, and according to the manner and form aforesaid, be forthwith printed; and that the number of any of the denominations thereof be not exceeded, or any clandestine or fraudulent practice used by the printer, his apprentices, servants, or others concerned in printing thereof.

That the printer and all his apprentices and servants, which he may employ in the said work, before he or they enter upon the same, take before some justice of the peace, in the presence of one or both of the supervisors, the following oath, to wit. “ I, A. B. do swear, that I will truly, faithfully, and honestly perform the duty of printer of the bills of credit, directed to be printed by a resolve of the Convention of Maryland; and that I will not advisedly print, or stamp, a greater number of blank bills of credit than in that resolve mentioned; or of any other denominations than therein expressed, except such sheets as may be so blotted, unfair or imperfect, in the impressing or printing thereof, that the same shall be unfit for use. So help me me God.”

That the printer shall not, by himself, servants, or any other person by him employed, print, stamp, stitch, or bind the said bills, or any of them, but in presence of