

and the council annually, before the first day of May, to cause a list to be made out of all free male persons, of the age of eighteen years, whose names or marks, by comparing the constables lists with the magistrates books, shall not appear in any of the said magistrates books, and of all persons any otherwise ascertained to be chargeable with the treble tax, and such list to be delivered annually to the collectors of every county in this state, be and is hereby repealed.

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An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it appears, by the journal of accounts and list of debts, that there is now due from this state the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight pounds one shilling and a penny, common money, Preamble.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the treasurer of the western shore shall and is hereby authorized and required to deliver out bills of credit which now are or shall be in his hands for the use of this state, to the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, who are allowed on the said journal, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be allowed and ascertained by the journal of accounts and list of debts aforesaid. Treasurer of western shore to pay the journal of accounts, &c.

III. *And,* Whereas there may not be money in the treasury for payment of the claims due on the journal of accounts, or to other public creditors,

IV. *Be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer of the western shore to give out certificates, in the nature of loan-office certificates, to such of the public creditors who will receive the same; the said certificates to be given in even sums, not less than twenty pounds, to be payable in three years from the date thereof, with six per cent. interest thereon, the interest to be paid annually by the treasurers, if required, and such certificates shall pass current in all payments, and be a legal tender, to all intents and purposes, equally with the bills of credit of this or of the United States, or may be discounted out of the public assessment, at the election of the holder of such certificate; and the counterfeiting, or offering in payment any counterfeit certificate, knowing the same to be such, shall be liable to the same punishment as heretofore directed by act of the general assembly. Treasurer may give out certificates to such public creditors as will receive the same, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That every certificate issued by the treasurer of the western shore, in pursuance of this act, shall be drawn in the words following, and signed by him. Form of the certificate.

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This indented certificate shall entitle or bearer to the
sum of pounds, common money, in bills of credit,
with interest for the same, from the date hereof, at six per cent. per annum, and shall pass current in all payments, according to an act passed at a session