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Session Hundred and Fifty Pounds of Tobacco that shall be so destroied, to Laws be divided between the said Persons, and so in Proportion for a

greater or lesser Quantity; which the respective Justices of the several County Courts, are hereby impowered and required to pay out of the Bills of Credit to be lodged in their Hands, at the Court house of each County, and at the next County Courts after, or at any other County Court which shall be held subsequent to such Destruction; a List of which Receipts shall be transmitted by the respective Clerks, to the said Commissioners, on Pain of forfeiting Ten Pounds current Money; to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Bills of Credit, during the Continuance of this Act, shall pass in all paiments, from one Person to another, and shall be deemed to be good Paiment for the Value contained in them, in all Contracts whatsoever hereafter to be made, for the Paiment of current Money, between any the Inhabitants of this Province, and also in all Contracts to be made for current Money between any Person trading into and any other Person within this Province, after this Act shall take Effect.

And Be It Likewise Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for the several and respective Inhabitants of this Province, to pay and discharge Lawyers Fees in the said Bills of Credit, during the Circulation of them, at the Rate of Ten Shilling's for every Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity; and that the several Sheriffs shall receive such Bills of Credit, and pay them to the Persons to whom the Tobacco shall be due, for which the said Bills of Credit shall be paid and received; and that such Paiment in the said Bills of Credit, shall be as conclusive and beneficial to the Debtors, as Paiment of Tobacco in Specie would be, so as such Bills of Credit shall be paid on or before the last Day of March Yearly, during the Continuance of this Act: And that the Tender of the said Bills of Credit, where they are directed to be received in Paiments, shall intitle all Persons tendering them, to the same Advantage that a Tender of Gold and Silver would in Law intitle them to.

And Be It Further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Bills of Credit shall pass in Paiment and Satisfaction of all Rates p. 13 and Entries and Duties, due and paiable, or which shall thereafter be due or paiable, by Virtue of any Act of Assembly of this Province, allowing in Sterling Paiments, One Hundred and Thirty Three Pounds, Six Shillings, and Eight Pence, of Bills of Credit, for One Hundred Pounds Sterling, for any Goods imported, or to be imported, (except the Penny per Pound on Tobacco, due and paiable to His Majesty, the Rates and Duties due and paiable, or that shall hereafter be due or paiable, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, the Governor, and the Duties raised or appropriated by this Act) for sinking the said Bills of Credit.