

in any such Action or Suit, shall be by the Court absolutely discharged therefrom.

And to the End the said Bills of Credit may be the more useful to the Inhabitants of this Province, and the Circulation of them as speedy and diffusive as possible,

Be it Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That there shall be Thirty Shillings, in the said Bills of Credit, issued, for every Taxable Person, in each respective County, within this Province; and also Ten Pounds, over and above the said Thirty Shillings, for each respective County, at the County Court to be held next after the said Bills of Credit shall be signed, and ready to be emitted, to the Justices of the several County Courts, to be distributed and disposed of as followeth, viz. Thirty Shillings thereof to be paid to every Master or Mistress of a Family, or his or her Order, for such Master, and every Taxable Person to him belonging; and the like Sum for every Taxable Person belonging to any Mistress of a Family, or Mistress of any Servant or Servants, or Slave or Slaves, being a Taxable or Taxables; and also to every other Free Man, being a Taxable, or his Order, the like Sum of Thirty Shillings, in the said Bills of Credit; for which the several and respective County Clerks shall take Receipts, in a Paper Book for that Purpose, to be by them transmitted to the Commissioners or Trustees; for which each respective Clerk shall have and receive Ten Pounds, in the said Bills of Credit.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person, who shall claim and receive any of the said Bills, for more Taxables than he or she shall really have, or shall give in any Servant or Slave, or other Person, as a Taxable, who shall not then be really a Taxable, according to the Laws of this Province, shall, for every Servant, Slave, or other Person, so given in, or for whom the Bounty intended by this Act of Thirty Shillings per Taxable, shall be claimed, and received, shall forfeit Five Pounds current Money of Maryland; to be recovered by any Person who will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information; wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law, shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted, That a Sum in the said Bills of Credit, not exceeding Three Thousand Pounds, shall be applied to purchase convenient Ground for the Use of the Publick, and building a Dwelling House, and other Conveniencies thereon, for the Governor of this Province, for the Time being, to reside in: And Five Hundred Pounds, in each respective County within this Province, shall be laid out in building convenient Goals in the respective Counties, near and convenient to the several Court-Houses; under the Direction and Appointment of the several Representatives of the