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vants and Slaves, allowing the usual Allowance of thirty-three Pounds six Shillings and Eight-pence per Centum between Sterling and Currency, and of all other Debts of what Nature, Quality or Degree, so ever, now due, or which shall hereafter arise or become due, during the Continuance of this Act, which, by the Laws of this Province, shall and may be paid in Bills of Credit already emitted and made current in this Province, or in Gold or Silver.

[A Tender of such Bills of Credit, to be as good and effectual as if made in Gold or Silver, &c.]

And be it further Enacted, That any Person tendering or offering the Bills of Credit, by this Act to be emitted, in Discharge of any such Debts or Contracts as aforesaid, or in Payment and Discharge of any such Levies, Fees, Penalties, Bounties, Rewards, and Allowances, Fines, Forfeitures, Rates, Duties, and Impositions, as aforesaid, shall have and receive the same Benefit and Advantage from and by such Tender, as if such Tender was made in Gold, or Silver, or Tobacco, in Specie, or of the Bills of Credit heretofore emitted and made current in this Province; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

[Persons sued for any Debt, &c. who shall bring into Court and tender Bills of Credit, made current by this Act, to the Amount thereof, with Costs of Suit, shall upon such Tender, be discharged.]

And be it further Enacted, That if at any Time pending any Action or Suit, for the Payment of Current Money, payable by Bond, Bill, Note, Account, or other Contract, the Defendant shall bring into Court, where the Action or Suit shall be depending, all the principal Money and Interest due on such Bond, Bill, Note, Account, or other Contract, and pay all Costs which shall arise due on such Action or Suit, and shall tender the same Bills of Credit; upon such Tender and paying the Costs as aforesaid, the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit be by the Court absolutely discharged therefrom.

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[Bills of Credit torn or defaced shall be exchanged by the Commissioners, who are to keep distinct Accounts of all such Bills by them received, &c.]

And be it further Enacted, That upon Application, during the Continuance of this Act, to the Commissioners or Trustees, for the Time being, in this Province, by any Person or Persons having any of the Bills of Credit (by this Act made or emitted), which are torn or defaced, and not fit to pass, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or Trustees, and they are hereby required, without Fee or Reward, in Lieu of such torn or defaced Bill or Bills, to deliver unto such Person or Persons any Bills of Credit, which may be received and paid into the said Office in Virtue of this Act, and which may be in their Hands unapplied, for the same Value for which such torn or defaced Bill or Bills shall pass current, at the Time of bringing the same to the said Commissioners or Trustees, and to keep and retain such torn Bill or Bills shall be brought in; and they shall, and are hereby directed and required to keep separate and distinct Accounts of all such torn or defaced Bills, so by them taken and received, and of the Bills or Current Money delivered out in Lieu thereof.