

IV. WHEREAS many evil disposed citizens of this state have purchased up tobaccoes and paid the same to the sheriffs or collectors of this state, for many of the citizens of this state, in discharge of their tobacco tax, without being requested so to do, and have taken bills, bonds or notes, for the payment of greater sums of money than the tobaccoes paid to the said sheriff amounted to at the market price at the time of taking the said bill, bond or note: **Be it enacted,** That all bills, bonds or notes, given as aforefaid, shall be void and of none effect, to recover any greater sums of money than the market price of the tobacco actually paid to the sheriff or collector at the time of the payments.

C H A P.
XXI.

Bills, &c.
given for tobacco, void, &c.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT for emitting bills of credit to the value of five thousand four hundred pounds sterling, for the convenience of change, and issuing them in exchange for the bills of equal value now in circulation.

The said bills are to be on the same footing as if emitted under the act of June, 1780, ch. 24, and the bills issued by that act, and the act of the present session, ch. 5, and the bills emitted under the old government, and by conventions, shall be all on the same footing, and be alike a tender and payment in the manner directed by the last recited act.

N. B. It may not be improper here to mention what were the emissions under the conventions. At a convention which began on the 26th of July, 1775, it was determined, for the defence of the province, for promoting the manufacture of salt-petre, for erecting a powder mill, and for several other purposes, to emit paper to the amount of 266,666 dollars. On the 13th of December following, the convention passed a resolve for emitting to the amount of 535,111 dollars more, but 266,666 of these were appropriated to exchanging the last emission. The last convention, also, emitted to the amount of 535,111 dollars, 120,000 of which were appropriated to exchanging the remaining part of the first emission, still in the hands of the people. All these emissions were unsupported by funds, but the convention declared they should be redeemed by the first of January, 1786, by taxes, or other legislative provision. The fifth act of this session has indeed made a legislative provision. By that act the state has exonerated itself from the engagements of the conventions, by giving one dollar in a new emission, supported by ample funds, for 40 dollars of the convention emissions, for the redemption of which only the public faith was plighted.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to continue an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the eighth day of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, except the seventeenth, twenty-first and twenty-second clauses thereof, shall be and is hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force and virtue, for and during the term of one year, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Part of an act continued.

II. **And be it enacted,** That the several county justices in their respective counties, at the time of assessing their county charges, shall and are hereby empowered and directed to allow to the clerk of their respective courts, in their county levies, in full satisfaction for warrants to the overseers of the highways, constables warrants, assisting in laying and apportioning the county levy, and all other services to be done for their respective counties, and by order of the justices for the time being, the following sums, viz. For Saint-Mary's, Kent, Anne-Arundel, Charles, Somerset, Dorchester, Baltimore, Cecil, Prince-George's, Talbot, Queen-Anne's, Worcester, Frederick, and Washington counties, ten pounds, in Spanish dollars, at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence per dollar, or the value thereof in paper money; for Calvert, Harford, Caroline, and Montgomery counties, seven pounds ten shillings like money; and all the respective county clerks within this state for the time being shall, and they are hereby obliged to do all the said services, and such others, for the use of the respective counties, as shall be required by the justices of the peace for each respective county, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, for and in consideration of the said allowance.

Allowance to county clerks, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That all fines, forfeitures and penalties, imposed or inflicted, and set in tobacco, by any act of assembly made before the fourth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and now subsisting and in force, and all fees and allowances to officers or others, given by any such laws, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties, fees and allowances, to be imposed, created, inflicted, given

How fines, &c. are to be discharged, &c.