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dispose of, to purchase cloathing and other necessaries for our troops, to Philadelphia, there to be sold, if the price there should exceed the price in this state with the charge of transportation; and they may, out of the sales, advance to the delegates of this state in congress one half of the sum allowed to them by the public.

Specie to be
advanced in
part of pay,
&c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That the specie now in the treasury, or which may be paid in for the purchase of iron, or any other public property, and which specie is not already appropriated, not exceeding four thousand pounds, shall be advanced to the troops of this state in part of their pay; that is to say, four dollars to each non-commissioned officer, and three dollars to each private, marching to the southward, and the residue to be divided equally amongst the officers of the Maryland line now serving to the southward, and those who are going there to serve the present campaign; and that as soon as sufficient money can be obtained, the like advance be made to the non-commissioned officers and privates now in service to the southward, and the like advance to the other officers of the Maryland line as above directed.

Expence of
expresses, &c.
to be defrayed
in new bills,
&c.

VIII. **And,** whereas it may be insupportably distressing to many persons, who are in very limited circumstances, and whose claims against the public have arisen for their personal labour, or principally for their personal labour, to be delayed of payment; **Be it enacted,** That the governor and council may apply such sums as they may think proper of the bills of credit to be emitted in virtue of the act of this session, not exceeding in the whole three thousand pounds, in defraying the expence of expresses, and satisfying the just claims of the most distressed of the public creditors, already arisen for, or principally for their personal labour.

Governor and
council to ascertain
the value of bills of
credit, &c.

IX. **And,** whereas by the further supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, the bills of credit of this state already emitted, and the continental bills of credit emitted in this state, in the future payment of taxes, fines, forfeitures, and so forth, are to be paid at the rate of three dollars of the said emissions for one silver dollar, and there is now great reason to expect the said bills of credit will appreciate; **Be it enacted,** That in case the said bills of credit should appreciate, and become of more value than at the rate of three dollars of those emissions respectively for a silver dollar, the governor and council may, and they are requested, from time to time, to ascertain the value of the said bills of credit respectively, compared with specie, and to cause the same to be made as public as possible; and the said bills of credit shall thereafter be accordingly received in payments at such value, instead of three for one as directed by the said act.

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An ACT to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property.

The lands belonging to the Principio company on Whetstone point, and two hundred acres near Harris's creek, excepted by the 23d act of the present session, or the state's part thereof, shall be sold for specie, payable immediately, or after a short time, &c. &c.

The commissioners of confiscated property are enabled to sell all property forfeited for treason, for specie, or for continental state money, at the real value; and the purchase money, if not paid down, is to be secured by bonds, exactly as purchase money is secured by the afore said act. And in case the commissioners should receive any claims against such estate, as they may deem just, they shall certify them to the treasurer, who shall reserve so much in money, or in bonds, as will satisfy them. The treasurer shall also reserve and keep apart one third of the residue of the money or bonds given for the property of persons convicted or outlawed for treason, until the general assembly shall take order therein. The state warrants all property sold under this act.

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An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.