

ber and denomination of the said bills shall be the following and no other, to wit. sixteen thousand bills of eight dollars each, sixteen thousand bills of six dollars each, sixteen thousand bills of four dollars each, sixteen thousand bills of two dollars and two third parts of a dollar each, thirty-two thousand bills of two dollars each, thirty-two thousand bills of one dollar and one third part of a dollar each, thirty two thousand bills of one dollar each, thirty-two thousand bills of two third parts of a dollar each, forty thousand bills of half a dollar each, forty thousand bills of one third part of a dollar each, forty thousand bills of one sixth part of a dollar each, and forty thousand bills of one ninth part of a dollar each.

That the said deputies or any two of them also purchase and provide a sufficient quantity of proper paper, on which to print and strike the said bills of credit, and that they or some of them do as soon as conveniently may be, transmit the said plates and paper to the Council of Safety aforesaid, and that the said Council of Safety do forthwith cause the said bills of credit to be printed and struck, under the direction of two discreet and sober freemen of this province, to be by them appointed to that service, who shall be called Supervisors.

That the said supervisors shall use the best of their care and diligence that the said bills, according to their respective denominations aforesaid, and according to the manner and form aforesaid, be forthwith printed and struck, and that the number of any of the denominations thereof be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent practice be used by the printer, his apprentices, servants, and others, concerned in the printing or striking thereof.

That the printer and all his apprentices and servants which he shall employ in the said work, before he or they enter upon the same, take before some justice of the peace, in the presence of one or both of the said supervisors, the following oath, to wit. "I A. B. do swear, that I will truly, faithfully and honestly perform the duty of printer of the bills of credit directed to be printed by a resolve of the Convention of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis the seventh day of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and that I will not advisedly print or stamp a greater number of blank bills of credit than in that resolve mentioned, nor of any other denomination than therein expressed, except such sheets as may be so blotted, unfair, or imperfect, in the printing or striking thereof, that the same shall be unfit for use. So help me GOD."

That the said printer shall not by himself, his servants, or any other person by him employed, print, strike, stitch, or bind the said bills, or any of them, but in the presence of one or both of the said supervisors. And in every intermission of the work, the said supervisors shall safely and securely lock up the press and stamps with which the work shall be performed, and the impressions which shall be then made, in the room in which the printing and binding shall be done, and the keys of such room shall keep in their possession; and when all the said bills shall be printed and struck, the plates shall be delivered by the printer to the said supervisors, and by them to the Convention, or in its recess to the Council of Safety.

That Charles Wallace, John Davidson, Nathan Hammond, Richard Tootell, James Brice, John Brice, Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, John Duckett, Robert Lloyd Nichols, Samuel Sharpe, Richard Tilghman, jun. Henry Banning, Peregrine Tilghman, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, and Joseph Bruff, be signers of the said bills.

That the said supervisors, as soon as the said bills shall be printed, struck, stitched, and bound, shall deliver three fourth parts thereof in value to the treasurer of the western-shore appointed by the last Convention, and the other fourth part thereof to the treasurer of the eastern-shore appointed by the last Convention; and the said treasurers