

lar 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 Council of Safety purchase and provide a sufficient quantity of proper paper, on which to print and strike the said bills of credit, 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 state, 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 whom 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 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 14th day of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, 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 immediately delivered by the printer to the said supervisors, and by them to the Convention, or in its recess to the Council of Safety.

That Messieurs Nathan Hammond, Richard Tootell, John Brice, Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, John Duckett, Thomas Gassaway, Frederick Green, William Wilkins, Nicholas Harwood, Saint George Peale, Richard Tilghman, (of Talbot county) William Perry, Samuel Sharpe, Joseph Bruff, Samuel Edmondson, Alexander Irvine, Charles Edward Irvine, and Thomas Dawson, or any two of them, 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, and the other fourth part thereof to the treasurer of the eastern shore; and the said treasurers shall deliver out to the signers residing on their respective shores, such and so many of the said bills to be immediately numbered and signed by them, as may be sufficient to answer any probable immediate demand on them for the same, not exceeding twelve thousand dollars; and each of the said bills shall be numbered and signed by some two of the said signers, and returned again after being numbered and signed, to the respective treasurers; and so from time to time shall the said bills be delivered out, numbered, signed, and returned to the said treasurers respectively, either of the said treasurers not keeping by him at any one time, ready numbered and signed, more than twelve thousand dollars.

That receipts of every delivery of the said bills, before and after the numbering and signing the same, be given by the signers and treasurers respectively, each to the other.

That the treasurer of the western shore, out of the said bills of credit in his hands, pay to each of the supervisors two dollars and two third parts of a dollar for each days attendance and supervising the said work, and to the printer so much as shall be agreed by the Council of Safety for his services, and for the ink and other materials, except paper, necessary for the said work; and the said treasurers shall also respectively pay to each signer of every thousand of the said bills one dollar and one third part of a dollar for his service.

That the treasurer of the western shore shall have a yearly salary of one thousand dollars, and the treasurer of the eastern shore shall have a yearly salary of four hundred dollars, for their trouble and expences.

That torn and defaced bills shall be exchanged at reasonable and convenient times.

That the said bills of credit shall be redeemed and sunk on or before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, by taxes or other legislative provision, and this Convention bind their constituents,