

shall thereafter be due or payable, by Virtue of any Act of Assembly of this Province, allowing in *Sterling* Payments, One Hundred and Thirty Three Pounds, Six Shillings, and Eight Pence, of Bills of Credit, for One Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, for any Goods imported, or to be imported, (except the Penny per Pound on Tobacco, due and payable to His Majesty, the Rates and Duties due and payable, or that shall hereafter be due or payable, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, the Governor, and the Duties raised or appropriated by this Act) for sinking the said Bills of Credit.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, that shall forge or counterfeit any such Bill or Bills of Credit, or that shall utter, or offer in Payment any such forged or counterfeit Bill, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeited, and shall be thereof convicted, by Verdict or Confession, in due Form of Law, shall be adjudged a Felon, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall produce to the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, torn or defaced Bills of Credit, made current by this Act, that the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall deliver to each Person a new Bill or Bills, which they shall cause to be made, in Lieu of such torn or defaced Bills, to be vacated as herein after is provided.

*AND BE IT ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Sums of Money arising by and appropriated by Virtue of this Act, shall be applied to and for the Sinking, Cancelling, and Destroying the Bills of Credit aforesaid, made current by this Act; and shall, by the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, be given in Exchange for such Bills of Credit, as aforesaid, without any Deduction whatsoever, to any Person or Persons, who shall, during the Continuance of this Act, have any the said Bills of Credit in their Hands, in order that the said Bills be sunk and destroyed, as by this Act is directed. And that the said Bills may be, *bona fide*, sunk and destroyed, as the Fund arising by Virtue of this Act, is paid unto the Commissioners aforesaid, for the Time being,

*BE IT ENACTED*, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall, once in the Year, after the last Day of *May*, which shall be in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five, to wit, on or before the last Day of *May*, Yearly, and every Year thereafter, during the Continuance of this Act, cause Advertisements to be affixed in the most publick Places in all the Counties on each Shore of this Province, or cause the said Advertisements to be published in the *Maryland Gazette*, setting forth what Quantities of Money have been received, and are in the Hands of the said Commissioners, by Virtue of this Act, and what Proportion the Money in their Hands shall bear to the Amount of the Bills of Credit emitted and in Circulation; which Monies shall, by the Commissioners aforesaid, or the major Part of them, be given in  
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