

An Act to make it Penal to forge or counterfeit the Bills of Credit of *Pennsylvania, New-York, East or West Jerseys*, or the Three Lower Counties on *Delaware*, called *New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex*, or to utter or tender the same in Payment, within this Province, knowing them to be such.

I. **W**HEREAS divers evil-minded Persons have counterfeited the Bills of Credit of this Province, and have tendered the same in Payments, in the neighbouring Province of *Pennsylvania*; and whereas, such Persons may hereafter presume to forge or counterfeit the Bills of Credit of the Provinces of *Pennsylvania, New-York, East and West Jerseys*, and the Three Lower Counties on *Delaware*, called *New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex*, and emit or tender the same in Payments within this Province, to the Prejudice of the good People thereof, and the Credit of the same Currency: In Order therefore, to prevent the Evils to Society which may arise from such Practices, it is prayed that it may be enacted,

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II. *AND be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons within this Province, shall, after the End of this Session of Assembly, forge or counterfeit any Bill or Bills of Credit, appointed to be Current by any Acts of Assembly of the Provinces of Pennsylvania, New-York, East or West Jerseys, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, or utter or tender the same in Payment within this Province, knowing the same to be such, and be thereof convicted by due Course of Law, shall, for such Offence, be set in the Pillory, and have one of his or her Ears cut off, and suffer Six Months Imprisonment, without Bail or Mainprize.*

Forging Bills of Credit, of the neighbouring Governments, how punish'd.

III. *THIS Act to continue Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.*

Continuation.

An Act to enable the Justices of *St. Mary's County*, to levy a Quantity of Tobacco on the taxable Inhabitants of *King and Queen Parish*, in said County, for the Purposes therein mentioned.

I. **W**HEREAS the Rector, Vestrymen, Churchwardens, and other the principal Inhabitants of *King and Queen Parish*, in *Saint Mary's County*, have, by their humble Petition to this General Assembly, set forth, That the Parish Church at *Chaptico* is at present greatly out of Repair, and if not immediately repaired, must hereafter occasion to the Inhabitants of the said Parish, a far greater Expence; they therefore

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