

An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof, in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same.

I. **W**HEREAS it is thought needful to raise large Supplies for his Majesty's Service, towards securing and protecting the Frontier of this Province, and engaging the Friendship and Assistance of the Southern Tribes of *Indians*, and for repelling and removing his Majesty's ambitious and perfidious Enemies from their unjust Encroachments on these his Dominions; we, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Maryland*, being desirous of demonstrating our unshaken Loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, do pray that it may be enacted:

Preamble.

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 the Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit in this Province, for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby obliged and directed to emit, and make current, Four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings in Bills of Credit, which are now signed in the Loan-Office, and not yet circulated, and deliver the same out of the said Office, to the Person or Persons hereafter for that Purpose directed, for his Majesty's Service, which said Bills of Credit shall pass current in all such Payments, and shall stand and be in the same State and Condition, and upon the same Foundation, to all Intents and Purposes, as the Bills of Credit emitted and made current, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly for emitting and making current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money in Bills of Credit within this Province, now do and are.*

4015 l. 6 s. in Bills now signed in the Paper-Office to be circulated.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, That the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, for the Time being, shall, and are hereby obliged and directed to pay out of any other Bills of Credit already circulated, and now remaining in the said Office, or which shall next hereafter be re-paid or received into the said Office, the Sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings, unto the Person or Persons hereafter for that Purpose directed.*

5984 l. 14 s. to be delivered out of the Paper-Office.

IV. *AND for the more effectual answering the good Intentions of his Majesty's Subjects, the People of this Province, it is prayed that it may be Enacted,*

V. *AND be it Enacted, by and with the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That Bills of Credit, to the Value of Thirty Thousand Pounds Current Money of America, according to an Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, for ascertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in the Plantations, shall be printed and struck with all convenient Speed, on good single Paper, under the Care and Directions of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, for the Time being, in Manner and Form following: " This Indented Bill of *shall pass Current for the Sum herein mentioned, in all Payments, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of Maryland. Dated in Annapolis the* Day of Anno Domini *"*: Which Bills of Credit shall be signed, numbered, and dated, by the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit; and the Sum of Money that each and every of the said Bills is to pass for, shall be printed at the Top of each Bill in Words at length, with such Devices and Marks on the said Bills as the said Commissioners or Trustees shall think fit and direct, as well to prevent Counterfeits as to distinguish their several Denominations; which said Bills shall be of the several and respective Denominations following, and no other, *to wit*, eight Thousand Bills of Twenty Shillings each, twelve Thousand Bills of Fifteen Shillings each, twelve Thousand Bills of Ten Shillings each, twelve Thousand Bills of Five Shillings each, twelve Thousand Bills of Two Shillings and Six-pence each, ten Thousand Bills of Two Shillings each, ten Thousand Bills of one Shilling and Six-pence each, ten Thousand Bills of One Shilling each, ten Thousand Bills of Six-pence each. And the said Commissioners or Trustees, for emitting Bills of Credit, are hereby directed and required to 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 made ready for Emission; and that the Number thereof be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice be used by the Printer, his Servants, or others, concerned therein.*

Bills of Credit to the Value of 30,000 l. to be struck.

VI. *AND be it Enacted, That the Printer who shall or may be employed in Printing and Stamping the blank Bills of Credit in this Act mentioned, and all his Apprentices and Servants, which he may employ in the said Work, shall, before he or they begin or enter upon the same, take, before some Justice of the Provincial or County Court, the following Oath, to wit, " I A. B. do swear, that I will truly, faithfully, and honestly, perform my Duty of Printer, agreeable to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds six Shillings thereof, in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same; and will not advisedly Print or Stamp any greater Number of blank Bills of Credit than in that Act mentioned, or of other Denominations than therein expressed: So help me God." And if such Printer, by himself, Servants, or Apprentices, or any of them by his Privy, Direction, or Permission, shall advisedly Print and Stamp any greater or larger Number of the blank Bills aforesaid, or of any other Denominations than by this Act limited and expressed, and be thereof legally convicted in any Court of Record, within*

Printer's Oath.

Penalty for printing more Bills than directed.