

under this Act, the Defendant or Defendants may, in the Discretion of the Court, be awarded to give special Bail, one Half of all which Penalties, where the Recovery shall be by Action of Debt or Information *quitam*, to the Use of the Informer, or him, her or them that shall sue for and recover the same; and the other Half thereof shall be paid to the Sheriff of the County where the Recovery shall be had, and by him paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the Shore whereon the same shall be recovered, for the Use of the Public of this Province, to be applied and laid out in the Purchase of a Place, and building a Pest-House for the Reception of the Infected, as the General Assembly for the Time being shall direct; or where the Recovery shall be had, otherwise than by Action of Debt, or Information *quitam*, the whole of the said Penalties shall be paid and applied to the Uses last aforesaid.

C H A P. XXXIII.

Penalties how to be recovered and applied.

VIII. This Act to continue Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

Duration.

Continues from Session 1769

C H A P. XXXIV.

An ACT for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it appears by the Journal of Accounts, and List of Debts, assented to this present Session by both Houses of Assembly, that there are now due, from the Public of this Province, to the several Creditors thereof, the Quantity of Five Million Six Hundred and Twenty-three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-nine Pounds, and Three Fourth Parts of a Pound of nominal Tobacco, payable in Money, equal in Value to the Rate of Seven Shillings and Sixpence Sterling per Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; and the Sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Pounds One Shilling and Twopence Farthing nominal Money, of the true and real Value, according to the Course of Exchange between this Province and *London*, of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Four Pounds and Ninepence Sterling. And whereas the Public of this Province now hath Twenty-six Thousand and Eight Hundred Pounds Capital Stock of the Bank of *England*, as appears by the last Account rendered by the Trustees for this Province, residing in *London*, dated the Thirtieth Day of *May* last; and also the Sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Twopence Sterling, not invested, subject to the Disposition of the General Assembly; and the great Scarcity of Specie, at this Time, makes an additional Circulating Medium in this Province, necessary for the Purposes of Trade and Commerce. For the Ease therefore of the good People of this Province, in the Payment and Discharge of the Public Debt, to supply, in some Measure, a Circulating Medium of Commerce, and for the other Purposes herein after particularly mentioned:

Preamble.

Amount of the Public Debt.

II. 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 Bills of Credit, of the Denomination of Dollars, and aliquot Parts of a Dollar, to the Amount of One Hundred and Seventy-three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars, shall be Printed and Struck, with all convenient Speed, on good Single Paper, under the Care and Directions of the Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act, in Manner and Form following: to wit, " This Indented Bill of Dollars, shall entitle the Bearer hereof, to receive Bills of Exchange, payable in *London*, at the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence Sterling per Dollar, for the said Bill, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of *Maryland*. Dated in *Annapolis*, this Day of Anno Domini, 1766. " Which Bills

Bills of Credit to be Printed for Discharge of the Public Debt.

Their Tenor.