

sent. And when all the said Bills shall be Printed and Stamped, the Stamps and Flowers by which such Impressions may be made, shall be delivered by the Printer to the said Commissioners, under the Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be recovered as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners are hereby directed and required to receive the said Stamps and Flowers into their Possession, and the same safely keep in their Office, under the Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money; to be recovered as aforesaid.

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XXXIV.
The Stamps and Flowers to be delivered to the Commissioners.

V. And be it further Enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall counterfeit any of the said Bills of Credit, or who shall forge any Bills of Exchange directed to be drawn by this Act, or alter the Sum expressed in any of the said Bills of Credit, or Bills of Exchange, and his, her, or their Aiders or Abettors, or who shall utter or offer, or cause to be uttered or offered in Payment, any such Counterfeit, or altered Bills of Credit or Bills of Exchange, knowing the same to be counterfeit or altered, and shall be thereof convict by due Course of Law, or stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the Number of Twenty of the Pannel, shall suffer Death as a Felon or Felons, without Benefit of Clergy. And all Persons into whose Hands any of the said Counterfeit Bills may happen to come, shall forthwith deliver the same to some Provincial Justice, who shall cause the Name of those that delivered them, and of the Persons from whom they were taken, to be endorsed on the Back thereof; which Bills shall be safely kept by the said Provincial Justice, and be forthcoming when there may be Occasion thereof.

Persons counterfeiting Bills of Credit, or Bills of Exchange, to suffer Death.

VI. And be it further Enacted, That the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall and may nominate and appoint Two Commissioners to emit the said Bills of Credit, and shall or may remove them, or either of them, in case of Misbehaviour, or Unfitness to act, if it shall appear to his Lordship, or the Governor or Commander in Chief that the Welfare of this Province shall require such Removal.

Two Commissioners to be nominated by the Governor.

VII. And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners, before they enter upon the Execution of their said Trust, shall, each of them, before some Provincial Justice, enter into Bond, with sufficient Sureties, jointly and severally, in the Penalty of Three Thousand Pounds Sterling, payable to the Lord Proprietary, Conditioned for the Observance and faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in them, and shall also, before such Justice, (who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same) take the several Oaths appointed by Law to be taken to the Government, subscribe the Oath of Abjuration, and repeat and subscribe the Test, and take the following Oath, to wit, " I A. B. do swear that I will, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, faithfully, impartially, and truly demean myself, in the Discharge of the Trust committed to me by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; according to the Purport and Tenor of the same Act, so that none may be prejudiced by my Consent, Privity or Procurement: So help me God."

Commissioners to give Bond.

VIII. And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners, after they are so qualified, shall proceed to give Directions for printing the same Bills of Credit, according to the Directions of this Act; and, after the same are so Printed, shall Sign and Number the same Bills, as is hereby directed; and the same, so Signed, shall keep and deposite in One of the strong Iron Chests, now in the late Paper-Currency-Office, with Two strong, substantial, and different Locks; and that each Commissioner, or Trustee, shall keep a Key, to the End that no Bills of Credit which shall be Signed, be

Commissioners to direct the Printing of the Bills, &c.