

in Payment, or utter, or cause to be uttered, any such Counterfeit, forged, or altered Bills of Credit, or Bill of Exchange, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted, 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, forged, or altered Bills may happen to come, shall forthwith deliver the same to some Provincial, or County Justice, who shall cause the Name of him, her, or them, that delivered the same, and of the Person, or Persons, from whom the same was taken, to be indorsed on the Back thereof; which Bill, or Bills, shall be safely kept by the said Provincial, or County Justice, and be forthcoming when there may be Occasion. And, whereas the Trust to be reposed in the said Commissioners, will be of very high Importance to the Public, and will require Persons of known and approved Character, and such as are well conversant in Business, and have an extensive Knowledge of the Circumstances of the Inhabitants of this Province;

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V. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid, That an Office shall be kept at *Annapolis*, under the Management of Two such Persons, Commissioners, who shall reside in the City of *Annapolis*, to be nominated and appointed by the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, to put this Act in Execution, who shall have Power to remove either of them, in Case of Misbehaviour or Disability to act; which Commissioners shall be stiled and called, Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, and by that Name and Style shall have Continuance and Succession during the Continuance of this Act, for directing, managing and performing, all Matters and Things hereby enjoined and required to be done and transacted by them. And if either of the said Commissioners shall happen to die, resign or be removed, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, from Time to Time, during the Continuance of this Act, to appoint some other fit Person or Persons, in the Place or Places of such Commissioner or Commissioners, so dying, resigning or removed, as aforesaid, which Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall be able and capable in Law, by the Name of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, to sue and implead, be sued and impleaded, answer and be answered, in all Cases relating to the Trust hereby reposed in them, in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and by that Name to do and execute all other Matters and Things that to them shall, or may appertain to do and perform, pursuant to this Act: And that the said Commissioners, for the Time being, shall duly attend from Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, 'til Twelve, and from Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, 'til Four, every Tuesday in the Months of *November, December, January and February*, and from Eight of the Clock in the Morning, 'til Twelve, and from Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, 'til Six, every Tuesday in the other Months of the Year, or oftener, if required, during the Continuance of this Act: And such of the said Commissioners as shall execute the said Trust, shall be allowed out of the said Bills of Credit, for their Service and Trouble, after the Rate of Four Hundred Dollars each, for the first Year, and after the Rate of Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars for every Year after, during the Continuance of this Act: But the said Commissioners, before they enter upon the Execution of their said Trust, shall severally, before some Justice of the Provincial Court, enter into Bond, with Two or more sufficient Sureties, jointly and severally, in the Penalty of Six Thousand Pounds Sterling Money each, payable to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, for the Time being, conditioned for the Observance and Execution of the Trust hereby reposed in them, and shall also before such Provincial Justice, (who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same) take the several Oaths appointed by Law to be taken

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