

and 4 Weeks Notice to be given before any Bill of Credit, &c. shall be issued. Copies of this Act, and shall, before any Money or Bills of Exchange shall be by them issued, give Notice by Advertisement, in the *Maryland Gazette*, for at least Four Weeks successively, of the Times they shall begin to issue such Bills of Credit or Bills of Exchange respectively.

The Commissioners to compel punctual Payment of Interest, &c. which may be lent out again. **XXX.** And be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, and they are hereby directed and required to compel the punctual Payment of the Interest annually; which shall be due on all Loans to be made by virtue of this Act within Three Months after the same shall respectively become due, and for any Interest they shall receive, shall give a Receipt to the Person paying the same; and in default of such Payment of Interest, shall cause such Process as aforesaid to be issued, to call in both Principal and Interest, and shall and may lend out again in Manner aforesaid, such Gold and Silver or Bills of Credit to be emitted by virtue of this Act, as they may from Time to Time receive in from the Borrowers aforesaid; and the more effectually to enforce the regular and punctual Payment of the Interest which may become due on the said Loans, and in which the Public is so greatly interested,

Commissioners and their Sureties, liable on Failure of Duty. **XXXI.** Be it Enacted, That in case the Commissioners aforesaid shall not issue Process on any of the said Bonds, by the Space of Six Months next after the Interest on such Bond shall be due and payable, then the said Commissioners shall be chargeable with, and their said Office Bonds and their Sureties therein be liable, for not only the Principal Money and Interest due on such Bonds, but also Interest on the Interest, as it shall arise, 'til actual Payment into the said Office of the Principal and all such Interest on the same Bond. And the better to support the Credit of the said Bills now to be emitted,

When Exchange shall be above Par, no Bills of Credit to be issued out of the Office, but the Commissioners may draw Bills on the Trustees, and sell them for the best Exchange, in Gold and Silver, &c. **XXXII.** Be it Enacted, That whenever the Current Exchange between this Province and *London* shall be more than at the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence Sterling *per* Dollar; that is, when Dollars will not purchase Bills of Exchange at that Rate or under, then, and so long as the Exchange shall keep so above Par, it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to lend out any of the Bills of Credit they may then have in their Office; and it shall and may be lawful also, whenever Exchange shall be at, or above Par; that is, when Bills of Exchange will purchase Gold or Silver at the Sterling Rates aforesaid, or the Bills of Credit aforesaid, or under the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence Sterling *per* Dollar, for the said Commissioners to draw Bills on the Trustees in *London* as aforesaid, for any Part of the Produce of the Ten Thousand Pounds Capital Stock, that shall not be lent out as aforesaid, and sell them for the best Exchange to be had, not under Par, for Gold and Silver, or Bills of Credit as aforesaid, and the same lend out in Manner aforesaid, but shall not then lend out any of the said Bills of Exchange; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debts due to the Public of this Province, to be called in, **XXXIII.** And, whereas it appears to this General Assembly, that there is now in the Hands of *William Hunt* and *Mary Hunt*, acting Executors of *Thomas Hunt*, who was sole Executor of *William Hunt*, deceased, late of *London*, Merchant, the Sum of Four Hundred and Seventy Pounds Six Shillings and Tenpence Sterling Money, belonging to the Public of this Province; and also, that there is in the Hands of *Jonathan Smith*, Executor of *Peter Bayard*, late of *Cecil* County, deceased, the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Five Shillings Current Money, remaining undisposed of, Part of the Five Hundred Pounds formerly taken out of the Loan Office to build the Gaol for *Cecil* County:

which may be again lent out on Interest. **XXXIV.** Be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to lend out the said Sum of Sterling Money, on Interest,