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and other Purposes therein mentioned, in Manner and Form following, to wit:

Their Tenor.

"This indented Bill of shall entitle the Bearer hereof to receive Bills of Exchange, payable in *London*, or Gold and Silver, at the Rate of Four Shillings and Six-pence 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 1774:" Which Bills of Credit shall be signed, numbered, and dated, by the Commissioners aforesaid, as herein after directed; and the Number of Dollars, or the Parts or Part of a Dollar, by which each Bill shall be denominated, shall be printed at the Top of such Bill, in Words at Length, with the like Devices and Marks on the Bills, and by the like Stamps and Flowers, as were used in printing the Bills of Credit last emitted in this Province, as well readily to distinguish their several Denominations, as to prevent Counterfeits; The Number of which Bills, as well as the Denominations thereof, shall be the following and no other, to wit: Eighteen Thousand Bills of Eight Dollars each, Eighteen Thousand Bills of Six Dollars each, Eighteen Thousand Bills of Four Dollars each, Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Bills of Two Dollars each, Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Bills of One Dollar each, Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Bills of Two Third Parts of a Dollar each, Twenty-seven Thousand Bills of Half a Dollar each, Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Bills of One Third of a Dollar each, Twenty-seven Thousand Bills of Two Ninth Parts of a Dollar each, Twenty-seven Thousand Bills of One Sixth Part of a Dollar each, and Twenty-seven Thousand Bills of One Ninth Part of a Dollar each; and the said Commissioners 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 that the Number of any of the Denominations thereof be not exceeded, or any clandestine or fraudulent Practice used by the Printer, his Apprentices, Servants, or others concerned therein.

Their Number and Denomination.

The Commissioners to see the Printing performed.

Printers, &c. to be sworn.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the Printer who shall be employed in printing and stamping the said Bills of Credit, 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 the Duty of Printer, agreeable to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act for emitting Bills of Credit, and applying Part thereof*, 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, except such Sheets as may be so blotted, unfair, or imperfect, in the impressing or printing thereof, that the same shall be unfit for Use. So help me GOD." And if such Printer himself, or any of his Apprentices or Servants with his Privity, shall advisedly print or stamp any greater Number of the Bills aforesaid, or of any other Denominations than by this Act is limitted and expressed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, such Printer shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money, to be recovered by Action of Debt or Bill of Indictment, wherein not more than one Imparlance shall be allowed. And any Apprentice or Servant of such Printer, who shall advisedly print or stamp any greater Number of the Bills aforesaid, or of any other Denominations than by this Act is limitted and expressed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning

The Oath.

Penalty on the Printer, &c. for Breach of Duty.

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