

IX. And be it enacted, That in all Cases where a Tender shall be made as aforesaid, and the Person to whom such Tender may be made, shall afterwards assign, transfer, or set over, any Mortgage, Bond, Specialty, Bill, Note, or other Contract, every such Person shall be, and is hereby declared to be guilty of Fraud, and shall forfeit and pay to the Person to whom such Assignment as aforesaid may be made, or to his or her Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, a Sum equal to double the Sum mentioned in such Mortgage, Bond, Specialty, Bill, Note, or Contract, so assigned or transferred, to be recovered by Action of Debt in the General or County Courts of this State, wherein it shall be sufficient to allege, that the Assignor was indebted for Money had and received to the Use of the Assignee, without setting forth the special Matter.

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Persons assigning Bonds, &c. after Tender made, guilty of Fraud, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, after the twentieth Day of April next, refuse to take and receive any of the Bills of Credit aforesaid, in Payment for any Commodity, Manufacture, Article, Goods, Merchandize, or Provision of any Kind, which he or she shall sell or expose to Sale, and offer the same for a less Price to be paid in Gold or Silver than in the Bills of Credit aforesaid, or shall offer, ask, or demand, Bills of Credit for Gold and Silver at higher Rates than herein before mentioned; every such Person shall forfeit to the Use of the State a Sum of Money equal to the Value of the Effects so sold or offered to be sold, or equal to the Bills of Credit so offered, asked, or demanded, as the Case may be; to be recovered, where the Sum is under five Pounds common Money, before a single Magistrate, as in case of small Debts; where the Penalty exceeds the Sum of five Pounds common Money, in any Court of Record in this State, with full Costs, by Indictment; and the Penalties aforesaid, if recovered in Court, shall be paid by the Sheriff collecting the same to the Treasurer of the Shore where such Recovery shall happen, for the Use of this State, towards defraying the public Charge thereof; and if recovered before a Justice, he shall receive the same, and annually, or oftener if required, transmit the same, together with an Account thereof, to the Treasurer of the Shore where the Person offending shall reside.

Penalty on Persons refusing to take Bills of Credit in Payment for Goods, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That any of the said Bills of Credit shall be received at the same Rate and in the same Manner in Payment of any Debt due to the Loan-Office of this State, or of any other public Debt, Tax, Fine, or Forfeiture.

Bills of Credit to be taken in Payment at the Loan-Office, &c.

XII. And, Whereas Appraisements of the Estates of Persons deceased have heretofore been made in Maryland Currency, in Dollars at six Shillings, and it would be unjust to make the Bills above specified a legal Tender, without a reasonable Advance for Difference of Exchange,

XIII. Be it enacted, That twenty-five per Cent. shall be added to all such Debts or Sums of Money due to Orphans, or other Persons claiming under such Appraisements; and where they are by the Laws of this State obliged to take Money, then in all such Cases such Person or Persons shall be obliged to receive the Bills of Credit abovementioned, in full Discharge of such Claim, allowing for Difference of Exchange as aforesaid, under the Penalties above inflicted on all other Creditors.

Twenty-five per Cent. to be added to Money due to Orphans, &c.