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VII.

ment and pound rate under this or the former act, who shall qualify himself and give security as in said acts respectively is directed, and in all respects shall comply with the same; and such collector shall be entitled to the commission above specified.

Governor and
council may
order 300,000
dollars to be
printed, &c.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That, in case the governor and the council shall judge it necessary for supporting the public credit, a sum, not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, be printed and struck under the care and direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the governor and council for that purpose, in manner and form following, to wit: "This bill of _____ shall entitle the bearer to receive gold or silver, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar, for the said bill, according to act of the general assembly of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis the seventeenth day of March, 1778."

Provide pa-
per, &c.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council purchase and provide a sufficient quantity of paper on which to print and strike the said bills of credit, and cause the said bills of credit to be printed and struck on the plates, and printed with the devices and marks prepared for the last emission, and may and are hereby requested to give directions as to the number and denomination of said bill.

And appoint
supervisors,
&c.

L. And be it enacted, That the same be printed and struck under the inspection of two discreet and sober freemen of this state, to be by the governor and council appointed to that service, and called supervisors, which said supervisors shall qualify themselves by taking the oath of fidelity to this state, and shall in all respects conduct themselves agreeable to the resolve or act of convention in August seventeen hundred and seventy-six, for the last emission of money, and shall be allowed twenty-five shillings per day for their trouble.

Printer, &c.
to take the
oath of fidelity,
&c.

LI. And be it enacted, That the printer and all his apprentices shall also take the oath of fidelity aforesaid, and the oath prescribed by said resolve or act of convention, and in all things conduct themselves in conformity thereto, and shall be allowed such reward for his and their service as the governor and the council shall think just and reasonable.

Bills to be
signed by the
commissioners
of the loan-office,
&c.

LII. And be it enacted, That said bills be signed and numbered by the commissioners of the loan-office, or, if need be, that proper persons be appointed and paid by the governor and council for signing and numbering such bills; and if the same be signed and numbered by the commissioners of the loan-office, they shall be paid a reasonable reward for their service over and above their usual salary.

And to be
kept by them
till signed, &c.

LIII. And be it enacted, That the bills, when printed, be lodged with the commissioners of the loan-office, for safe keeping until signed, and after the same are signed, with the treasurers of the western and eastern shores, and shall be subject to the order of the governor and council for supporting the credit of this state; and the governor and the council are hereby authorized and empowered to draw out such part of said bills as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

LIV. And