

required to be brought in and delivered to the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of June, who shall lock them up in the iron chests, or other safe place, which bills of credit shall be counted and burnt by a committee of both houses of assembly, to be appointed at the next session after the said first day of June next.

III. And be it enacted, That all bills of credit, emitted by virtue of the said act, which shall not be brought in and delivered to the treasurer aforesaid on or before the said first day of June next, shall be forever hereafter irredeemable.

Bills not delivered in by 1st June, irredeemable.

IV. And, Whereas by the said act, entitled, An act for the payment of the public claims, for emitting bills of credit, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Saturday the first day of November, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-six, it was among other things enacted, that bills of credit, of the denomination of dollars and aliquot parts of a dollar, to the amount of one hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars, should be printed and struck, and that the bearer of any of the said bills should be entitled to receive bills of exchange, payable in London, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar for any of the said bills; and that his lordship, the right honourable the lord proprietor, or the governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being, at some time between the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, should nominate and appoint a commissioner to receive and take in the said bills of credit, and to draw bills of exchange for the satisfaction and discharge thereof, and that any person or persons, in possession of any number or quantity of the said bills of credit, should be entitled, on producing the same before such commissioner between the twenty-fifth day of June, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and the twenty-fifth day of December next thereafter inclusive, to have and receive, from the said commissioner, bills of exchange for the full value of the said bills of credit so produced, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar, to be drawn by the said commissioner upon the trustees residing in London; and for the sure payment of the said bills of exchange, it was by the said act directed, that the said trustees should accept the said bills, and to enable them to pay the same when due, the said trustees were, by the said act, authorised, between the acceptance and the time of payment of the said bills, to sell and dispose of any quantity of the capital stock of the bank of England belonging to this state that might be necessary to raise monies for the payment of the said bills of exchange: And, Whereas this general assembly are desirous of complying (as far as may be in their power) with the public faith and credit to the holders of the said bills:

V. Be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore shall be, and he is hereby appointed commissioner for the purpose of complying with the directions of the said act, and he is hereby invested with all the power and authority given, or intended to be given, to the commissioner to be appointed by the proprietary or the governor, agreeable to the directions of the said recited act.

Treasurer appointed commissioner, &c.

VI. And,