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XXIV, XXV.

as the said bills shall be printed, struck, stitched, and bound, deliver the same to the treasurer of the western shore, to be by him delivered out to the signers in such quantity as he shall think proper.

Governor and
council to ap-
point signers
of bills, &c.

XI. *And be it enacted*, That the governor and the council may appoint any number of persons, not exceeding six, to be signers of the said bills, and each bill shall be numbered and signed by some two of the said persons, and afterwards returned to the treasurer, and each signer shall be allowed at the rate of twelve shillings and six-pence for every thousand bills by him numbered and signed, payable in the said bills of credit.

Bills to be re-
deemed by
May 1, 1786.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That the said bills of credit shall be redeemed on or before the first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, in specie, or by bills of exchange payable in Europe at forty days sight, and this general assembly pledge the faith of this state for the redemption of the said bills, on or before the said first day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six. And, as a specific fund, it is enacted, That the stock in the bank of England, or the money arising from the sale of the same, if sold, in virtue of the act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, or if that cannot be had, that so much of the property within this state belonging to any subject of Great-Britain, as may be necessary, shall be liable and answerable, and is hereby pledged to the holders or possessors of the said bills, for the redemption of them, within the time and agreeable to this act.

Subject to or-
der of gover-
nor and coun-
cil, &c.

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That the said bills of credit shall be subject to the order of the governor and council, to be laid out in the purchase of provisions, or for other public purposes.

A legal ten-
der, &c.

XIV. *And be it enacted*, That the said bills, if issued, shall be a legal tender for all debts, rents, contracts, and demands, in the same manner and under the same regulations that the bills of credit to be emitted in virtue of an act, entitled, An act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, are made a legal tender.

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An ACT to procure an extra supply of provisions of the bread kind, also waggons and horses, for the use of the continental army.

Preamble.

WHEREAS this state hath been called upon in the most earnest manner by general Washington and the committee of co-operation, for an extra supply of provisions of the bread kind, and also for waggons and horses for the use of the army of the United States, and this general assembly have thought it reasonable, on the present emergence, to comply with the above requisitions:

Governor and
council may
direct com-
missaries to
purchase
wheat, &c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the governor and council shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby requested, to direct the commissary of purchases in each