

prising waggons and harness, horses, and drivers, in the proportion
afore said, by the time aforesaid, shall be entitled to the exemption and
relief from disabilities as aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwith-
standing.

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An ACT relating to loans in specie, tenders for debts and
contracts in future, and the establishment of a bank for
public purposes.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all debts
or promises hereafter contracted or made for gold or silver actu-
ally and bonâ fide lent, and so expressed in any bond, note, or
other instrument in writing, shall be paid in gold or silver, according
to the contract and the meaning of the parties, any law to the contrary
hereof notwithstanding.

Contracts
hereafter
made for gold,
&c. to be paid
in gold, &c.

II. *Provided* always, That the creditor at the time of the loan, or
within three months thereafter, shall, on the bond, note, or other write-
ing, endorse and sign, in the presence of one or more of the witnesses
to the contract, that the bond, note, or other writing, was taken for
specie lent.

Provido.

III. *And provided* also, That the creditor, in case of difference about
the consideration, shall make oath (or affirmation) that the bond, note,
or other writing, was taken for specie actually and bonâ fide lent, and
for no other account or consideration, and for default of such endorse-
ment, or such oath or affirmation, before suit brought against the
debtor, his executor or administrator, such bond, note, or other write-
ing, shall be discharged in bills of credit emitted by the act for sinking
the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted
by congress, and the want of such endorsement or oath or affirmation
may be given in evidence on the general issue.

Provido.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That the bills of credit issued by congress
and emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of conventions, and made
a legal tender in all cases by the act of assembly passed at February
session, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, shall not be a tender or
payment for any debt, promise, contract, or agreement, created or
made after the passing this act (unless by agreement of the parties) any
thing in the said act, or any other law to the contrary hereof notwith-
standing.

Bills issued by
congress, &c.
not a legal
tender, &c.

V. *And be it enacted*, That such part of the said act, which imposes
a penalty on persons refusing to sell goods, manufactures, commodities,
merchandise, or provision, for a less price in gold or silver than for
bills of credit, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Part of a for-
mer act re-
pealed.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That no public bond due to the loan-office
shall hereafter be put in suit for nonpayment either of principal or
interest, without the directions of the governor and council, or general
assembly, any thing in any former law to the contrary notwithstanding,
and that all suits already commenced on such bonds shall be discon-
tinued.

Bonds due the
loan-office not
to be put in
suit, &c.