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the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and that he constantly kept the money by him received, or so much of the same, or other money, as he shall specify in his oath or affirmation, or that, before the said twentieth day of April, he sold property for the purpose of paying his debts as aforesaid, and that he left the money in the hands of the purchaser, where it remains, for the purpose of paying his debts as aforesaid, such debtor may pay, to either of the treasurers of this state, the amount of the money by him received and kept as aforesaid, or left as aforesaid, or the balance by him received above what he hath paid as aforesaid, or any part thereof, in discharge of the debt due to such creditor, in the said continental, convention, or bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government aforesaid, on or before the twentieth of March next, or in the said new bills of credit, or bills emitted under the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary, at the rate of one dollar of the same bills for every forty dollars due and payable at any time before the first day of July next; and such payment shall be deemed in law a payment of such creditor or his assignee, and the treasurer's receipt shall be good evidence in the courts of law and equity of the payment of such debt, and shall be allowed sufficient in the courts of law and equity, and in the orphans courts, on the administration of the estates of deceased persons, and the treasurers shall exchange any continental, convention, and bills emitted by acts under the old government, by him so received for new bills, at the rate of one for forty, and the same, together with all new bills, and bills emitted by the said act of assembly, which may be paid for the purpose aforesaid, shall retain in his office, liable to the attachment of creditors, and subject to the future direction of the general assembly.

Executor, &c.
may pay money received
in new bills,
at 1 for 40,
&c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That where any executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or factor, has received any of the said bills of credit, it shall and may be lawful for such executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or factor, and he is hereby authorized to pay and discharge to the amount of the money by him actually and bona fide received, in the new bills of credit, at the said rate of one dollar of the said new bills for every forty dollars by him received. Provided always, that if the executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or factor, hath not paid away the money by him received in the aforesaid bills of credit, in a course of administration, or otherwise expended it in pursuance of the trust reposed in him, or kept the same by him, but hath converted the same to his own use, in any manner, except by lending the same, then such executor, administrator, guardian, trustee, or factor, shall be accountable, on oath or affirmation, for the value of the money so received, at the time the same was as aforesaid converted to his own use.

New bills a
tender for
debts con-
tracted before
Sept. 1, 1776,
&c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the bills of credit, emitted by the act of assembly to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary, and the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, and the bills of credit to be emitted in virtue of this act, shall be a tender for all debts contracted before the first day of September seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and all debts for gold, silver, or sterling, contracted since that day and

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