

IV. And be it enacted, That the governor and council may appoint any number of persons not exceeding four to be signers of the said bills, and each bill shall be numbered and signed by some one 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.

CHAP. XXII. Governor and council to appoint signers, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore shall, from time to time, exchange any of the bills of credit emitted in virtue of this act, for any of the bills of credit emitted in pursuance of 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, which may be brought into his office, and shall immediately strike out part of such bills with a punch of one inch diameter, and keep them separate from any other money in his office, in order that they may be counted and destroyed in the presence of a committee to be appointed at the next session thereafter.

Treasurer to exchange bills, &c.

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VI. And be it enacted, That the bills of credit to be emitted and circulated in virtue of this act shall, as to their value and redemption, and every other intent and purpose, be considered as if they had been emitted under the said 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; and the bills of credit issued by the same act, and the bills of credit emitted by the act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government and by the resolves of convention, and the bills emitted and circulated in virtue of this act, shall be on one footing and value, and shall alike be a tender and payment in the manner and as directed by the last recited act.

Bills to be considered as if emitted under the former act, &c.

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VII. And be it enacted, That if any subject of this state shall within or without this state, and if any person whatever shall within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the bills of credit issued by congress, or by this, or any assembly, convention, legislature, or other supreme authority of this state, or any other of the United States, or shall alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills of credit, or shall offer, or cause to be offered, in payment, any such counterfeit, forged, or altered bill of credit, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted in the general or any county court of this state, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, such person shall suffer death as a felon without benefit of clergy.

Persons counterfeiting bills to suffer death.

CHAP. XXIII.

An ACT to continue an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the eighth day of November seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, except the seventeenth, twenty first, and twenty-second clauses thereof, shall

An act continued, except the 17th 21st and 22d clauses.

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