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visors of the press for that purpose, in the manner and form following, to wit: "This bill of credit shall entitle the bearer to receive specie to its value, estimating milled dollars at seven shillings and six-pence, hath landed security to at least double its value, and is to be redeemed between the twenty-fifth day of December seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and the twenty-fifth day of June seventeen hundred and eighty-five, according to an act of assembly of the state of Maryland, made the tenth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty-one." And the said bills of credit shall be of the following denominations, to wit; Thirty-two thousand six hundred and fifty-two bills of three pounds each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and fifty-two bills of thirty shillings each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and fifty-two bills of fifteen shillings each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and fifty-two bills of seven shillings and six-pence each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-five bills of five shillings each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-five bills of two shillings and six-pence each; thirty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-five bills of one shilling and six-pence each; and thirty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-five bills of one shilling each; and shall be struck on such plates, and printed with such devices and marks to prevent counterfeits, as the said supervisors shall direct; and the printer employed for printing the said bills, and all his apprentices and servants who shall be employed in the said work, shall severally, before they respectively enter on the said work, take an oath "faithfully and honestly to perform their duty, and that they will not advisedly print or stamp a greater number of blank bills, or of any other denomination than directed by the supervisors, except only such sheets as may be blotted, unfair, or imperfect, in the printing or striking thereof, and unfit for use;" which blotted, unfair, or imperfect sheets, shall be immediately destroyed in the presence of the said supervisors, or one of them; and such bills as shall be fair and fit for emission, shall be locked up in some convenient room, and the key thereof shall be kept by the supervisors, and as the said bills shall be dried and fit for signing, the same shall from time to time be delivered into the treasury, and thence delivered out in small parcels for signing; but to prevent any accident happening to the said bills after they are perfected by signing, the treasurer is directed not to have any considerable sum of them signed beyond the immediate occasion.

Printers allowed,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the printer who shall print the said bills shall be entitled to and receive, as a reward for his service, five hundred pounds of the said bills of credit, besides the actual cost of the paper, and that each supervisor shall be allowed fourteen shillings in the said bills of credit, for his trouble, for every day he shall attend on the said service; and in case any supervisor shall die, resign, or refuse to act, the governor and council may appoint a fit and proper person in his stead; and every supervisor shall, before he acts as such, take an oath diligently and faithfully to execute his duty as supervisor under this act.

Six signers to
be appointed,
&c.

IV. 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 signed by some two of the said persons, and afterwards returned to the treasurer, and each signer shall be allowed

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