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XXIII.

teen hundred and eighty-five; and for that purpose the then holders or possessors of any of the said bills may, between the said days, bring the same into the treasury of the western shore, and there deliver them to the treasurer, who shall pay and deliver such persons gold or silver to the value expressed on such bill, according to the following table to wit:

Johannes's, weighing eighteen pennyweight	- - -	£. 6	0	0
Half Johannes's, weighing 9 dwt.	- - -	3	0	0
Moidores, weighing 6 dwt. 18 grains	- - -	2	5	0
English guineas, weighing 5 dwt. 6 grains	- - -	1	15	0
French guineas, weighing 5 dwt. 5 grains	- - -	1	14	6
Spanish pistoles, not lighter than 4 dwt. 6 grains	- - -	1	7	6
French milled pistoles, weighing 4 dwt. 4 grains	- - -	1	7	0
Arabian chequins, weighing 2 dwt. 3 grains	- - -	13	9	
Other gold coin (German excepted) by the pennyweight	- - -	6	5	
English milled crowns	- - -	8	4	
Other English milled silver at same rate.				
French silver crowns	- - -	7	6	
Spanish milled pieces of eight	- - -	7	6	
Other good coined Spanish silver, per ounce	- - -	8	6	
Any other gold coin of the same fineness of Spanish or	} 6 9 2			
Portugal coin, per ounce				

Counterfeiters & to suffer death.

X. 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 said bills, or shall alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills, 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.

A tax to be imposed yearly, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That yearly and every year, for three years successively, there shall be, and is hereby imposed, a rate or tax of three shillings and nine-pence on every one hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and so pro rato, as the same is or may be valued for those years; and that the said rate of three shillings and nine-pence shall be collected with the other public taxes, and paid into the treasury on or before the twentieth day of September, in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-two, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and seventeen hundred and eighty-four, in the specie or bills in which it shall be actually collected; and any that shall be collected and paid into the treasury on the eastern shore, shall be, from time to time, on or before the last day of September yearly, transferred and paid over to the treasurer of the western shore; which said tax of three shillings and nine-pence shall be payable and paid in gold or silver, at the rates herein before mentioned, or in bills of credit emitted in virtue of this act, and not otherwise.

Subscribers may pay the sum subscribed to the treasurer, &c.

XII. And, To prevent any depreciation of the said bills of credit, Be it enacted, That any subscriber herein after mentioned may, at any time, pay in the whole or any part of the sum subscribed by him, either