

1778. MARCH.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D .

Passed 22d of
April, 1778.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes. Lib. GR. fol. 229.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts and list of debts that there is now due from this state the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight pounds one shilling and a penny common money,

Treasurer to
pay &c.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and is hereby authorized and required to deliver out bills of credit which now are or shall be in his hands for the use of this state, to the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, who are allowed on the said journal, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be allowed and ascertained by the journal of accounts and list of debts aforesaid.

Or give certifi-
cates &c.

III. AND, whereas there may not be money in the treasury for payment of the claims due on the journal of accounts, or to other public creditors, BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer of the western shore to give out certificates, in the nature of loan-office certificates, to such of the public creditors who will receive the same, the said certificates to be given in even sums, not less than twenty pounds, to be payable in three years from the date thereof, with six *per cent.* interest thereon, the interest to be paid annually by the treasurers, if required, and such certificates shall pass current in all payments, and be a legal tender, to all intents and purposes, equally with the bills of credit of this or of the United States, or may be discounted out of the public assessment, at the election of the holder of such certificate; and the counterfeiting, or offering in payment any counterfeit certificate, knowing the same to be such, shall be liable to the same punishment as heretofore directed by act of the general assembly.

Form of the
certificate.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every certificate issued by the treasurer of the western shore, in pursuance of this act, shall be drawn in the words following, and signed by him: State of Maryland, This indented certificate shall entitle —, or bearer, to the sum of — pounds common money, in bills of credit, with interest for the same from the date hereof at six *per cent. per annum*, and shall pass current in all payments, according to an act passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the 17th day of March, 1778, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes. Issued this — day of —, in the year of our Lord, 177 —

C H A P. XVII.

A Supplement to the act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes. Lib. GR. fol. 230.

Persons conn-
terfeiting, &c.
to suffer death.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any subject of this state shall, within or without this state, and if any person whatsoever shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any certificate issued in virtue of the said act, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes, or shall alter the sum expressed in any of the said certificates, or shall pass in payment any such counterfeit or altered certificate, knowing the same to be counterfeit or altered, and shall be thereof convicted in the general 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.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 8th of June, in the year of our Lord 1778, and ended the 23d day of the same month, the following laws were enacted.

THOMAS JOHNSON, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

Passed 23d of
June, 1778.

An ACT relating to prisoners and deserters from the British army and navy. Lib. GR. fol. 231.

C H A P.