

cured and laid out in such manner and place within this state as the general assembly may hereafter direct, shall be given to every such recruiting officer, or his legal representative, within three years from the first day of February next, who shall enlist and deliver twenty able bodied effective recruits on or before the first day of March next, and also a bounty of fifty acres of land, to be procured as aforesaid, to every recruiting officer who shall enlist and deliver twenty able bodied effective recruits on or before the first day of April next.

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XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the recruits aforesaid shall be carried by the recruiting officers respectively before the lieutenant, or any field-officer, of the county in which such recruits are raised, to pass muster, and no part of the bounty aforesaid shall be drawn by any recruiting officer for any recruit not passed by such lieutenant or field-officer.

Recruits to
pass muster.

XIII. AND, whereas the times of enlistments of sundry privates and non-commissioned officers in the quota of troops of this state, serving under his excellency general Washington, will expire during the course of the year seventeen hundred and eighty, BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council shall, from time to time, transmit to general Smallwood, or in case of his death or absence to the next commanding officer of the said troops, such sums of money as may be necessary for paying the same bounties to any of the aforesaid privates and non-commissioned officers who may re-enlist in any of the regiments of this state for three years or during the war, as are meant to be given by this act to new recruits.

Money to be
transmitted,
&c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the same bounty in lands shall also be given to each private and non-commissioned officer aforesaid, and in such manner as by this act is provided to be bestowed on the new recruits enlisting within this state.

Bounty in land,
&c.

C H A P. XXXVII.

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 109. A Private Act.

Passed 30th of
Dec. 1779.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An ACT for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 118.

WHEREAS from the scarcity of specie and the want of a proper medium of trade, and for the payment of the public debt, bills of credit, to the amount of one hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars, were emitted and made current, by virtue of the act, entitled, (a) An act for the payment of the public claims, for emitting bills of credit, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and it is now thought proper that the said bills of credit be called in, and the holders thereof paid for the same,

Preamble.

(a) November, 1766, ch. 26.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the bills of credit emitted by virtue of the said act, shall be and are hereby required to be brought in and delivered to the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of June, who shall lock them up in the iron chests, or other safe place, which bills of credit shall be counted and burnt by a committee of both houses of assembly, to be appointed at the next session after the said first day of June next.

Bills to be
brought in, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all bills of credit emitted by virtue of the said act, which shall not be brought in and delivered to the treasurer aforesaid on or before the said first day of June next, shall be for ever hereafter irredeemable.

If not, irre-
deemable, &c.

IV. AND, whereas by the said act, entitled, An act for the payment of the public claims, for emitting bills of credit, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Saturday the first day of November, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-six, it was among other things enacted, that bills of credit of the denomination of dollars and aliquot parts of a dollar, to the amount of one hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars, should be printed and struck, and that the bearer of any of the said bills should be entitled to receive bills of exchange, payable in London, at the rate of four shillings and six-pence sterling per dollar for any of the said bills, and that his lordship, the right honourable the lord proprietary, or the governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being, at some time between the twenty-fifth day of March and the twenty-fifth day of June, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, should nominate and appoint a commissioner to

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