

dollars so brought in shall be signed as above directed, and retained in the treasury, subject to the order of congress. C H A P. VIII.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council shall be and are hereby fully authorized and requested to apply to congress, and obtain from them new bills, sufficient to exchange for the continental bills that may be brought in, and shall cause the same to be signed, from time to time as need may be, and safely kept in the custody of the commissioner of the continental loan-office, ready to be exchanged for such of the old bills as may be brought in, according to the directions of this act. Governor, &c. to apply to congress, &c.

VI. AND, for establishing an ample, permanent and indubitable fund for sinking one sixth part of the said new bills annually, after the first day of January next, BE IT ENACTED, That between the first day of February and fifteenth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and between the first day of February and fifteenth day of March annually, in the five years next following, there shall be a valuation or estimate of all the property within this state, by assessors, in the mode now established and practised in this state, and for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, so to be ascertained, there shall be set and assessed one bushel of good merchantable wheat, or twenty-five pounds of merchantable tobacco; and after that rate for every greater or lesser sum, the payment to be made and enforced annually, in one or two payments, before the first of November, and the collection to be completed and payment made by the collectors into the treasury annually, before the first day of December, the person chargeable with the said tax to have an option to pay every bushel of wheat, or twenty-five pounds of tobacco, with one Spanish milled dollar, or one dollar of the said new bills, and the said tax in wheat or tobacco, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, shall be inviolably appropriated for the sinking or redeeming one sixth part of the said new bills annually, after the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one. Property to be valued, &c.

VII. AND, to remove all doubt as to the punctual redemption of the said new bills, and as a further fund, BE IT ENACTED, That duties on exports and imports, and other rates, be imposed according to the following table, and shall be collected and paid as hereafter directed, viz. On all tobacco exported, per hoghead, five shillings; on marriage licences, twenty-five shillings; on ordinary licences, six pounds; on rum, brandy, gin, or other spirit, imported, per gallon, two-pence; on Madeira wine imported, per gallon, four-pence; on other wines imported, per gallon, two-pence; on registers for vessels, by the ton, one shilling; on all commissions and letters of marque or reprisal, ten pounds; on coffee imported, per hundred, one shilling; on loaf sugar imported, per hundred, one shilling and six-pence; on home made spirit from molasses or sugar, one penny; on home made spirit from grain, per gallon, one penny; on all billiard tables, per year, fifteen pounds; on negro slaves imported from other of the United States, unless by persons who come to reside in this state, fifteen pounds; on bar iron exported, per ton, fifteen shillings; on pig iron exported, per ton, three shillings and nine-pence; also all fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, including forfeited recognizances, and all forfeitures for treason or felony. Table of duties, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for every negro or other slave imported into this state, there shall be paid to the naval-officer a duty of five hundred pounds currency, unless such negro or other slave belong to some person coming to settle in this state, and not intended for sale, in which case no duty shall be paid, or unless such negro or other slave have been an inhabitant of some one of the United States three years antecedent to the time of such importation, in which case a duty as above of fifteen pounds currency, and no more, shall be paid to the naval-officer for every such negro or other slave so imported, such residence to be made appear, to the satisfaction of the naval-officer, by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses. Duty on negroes, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all estates forfeited for treason or felony shall be sold, under the authority and direction of the court where such forfeiture shall arise, by the sheriff of the county, or his deputy, to the highest bidder, for gold and silver, or bills of the new emission, or for continental currency where sold before the first day of January next, and the money shall be paid to the sheriff of the county, and be by him transmitted, as soon as may be, to the treasurer of his shore; and all fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, and also the tax on billiard tables, and also on home made spirit, and money arising on forfeited recognizances, shall be received by the sheriffs of the several counties respectively, and be by them annually paid into the public treasury on or before the first day of November in each year, and their office bond shall be liable for the due execution of their trust herein; and all duties on exports and imports shall be received by the several naval-officers in the respective districts, and be by them respectively paid annually into the public treasury, on or before the first day of November in each year, and the office bonds of such naval-officers shall be liable for the due execution. How forfeitures, &c. are to be recovered, &c.