

dollars of the old paper due such creditor, not exceeding in such exchange the amount of such creditor's assignment. C H A P. VIII.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all monies collected in virtue of this act, over and beyond what may be sufficient to redeem annually, agreeable to this act, one sixth of the said new bills, shall be subject to the disposal of the general assembly. Money subject to disposal, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills of credit, to be emitted in pursuance of the said requisition of congress of the eighteenth of March last, shall be current and a legal tender in payment and discharge of any debt, covenant, rent, promise, contract or agreement; and every current money debt may be discharged at the sum expressed in the said bills, and every sterling debt at the exchange of one hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence current money for one hundred pounds sterling; and any person indebted may petition the chancellor or judges of the general court, who may in a summary way call on the creditor, or his executor, administrator or assignee, or on the executor or administrator of the assignee, or the attorney in fact of such creditor, and by order compel him to receive the balance due, and to deliver up the mortgage, obligation, note of hand, or other evidence of the debt, promise, contract or agreement, and where there are mutual debts may cause one debt to be set against the other; and the chancellor or judges may appoint their register or clerk, or other person, to state and adjust the claims, and to strike the balance; and the chancellor and judges may enforce obedience to their order, by attachment, and commitment of the person refusing or neglecting to yield obedience; and if the money due has been tendered, and the creditor, his executor, administrator or assignee, or the executor or administrator of the assignee, refused to accept the same, or kept out of the way to prevent a tender, the costs of the petition shall be allowed; and where any action is or shall be prosecuted on any mortgage, debt, covenant, contract, promise or agreement, the defendant may bring the money into court, and thereupon the court shall proceed in a summary way in the same manner as above directed. Bills of credit a legal tender, &c.

XVIII. AND, whereas this general assembly are desirous that equal justice should take place between debtor and creditor; BE IT ENACTED, That in case the said new bills shall depreciate in value before the tenth day of October next, it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor and judges of the general court, or a majority of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, between the tenth and twentieth day of October next, to determine the exchange or difference at which debts contracted before the first day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, shall be discharged and paid, and such rule shall be a standard for tender or payment of such debts, until the first day of the next term in the month of May next, at which term the chancellor and judges, or a majority of them, if any further depreciation shall have taken place, may again ascertain the depreciation or exchange or difference as aforesaid, and the standard of exchange, so to be ascertained, shall be the rule of tender or payment of all such debts; and the county courts in all actions before them shall be bound and govern themselves by the exchange to be determined and ascertained as aforesaid; and the chancellor and the judges, or a majority of them, may at each term thereafter (during the time the said new bills shall continue in circulation) ascertain the exchange, as aforesaid, at which the said new bills may be tendered or paid for such debts, until the next term after such determination, which they shall cause to be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, for the information and government of all concerned. Chancellor, &c. to determine the exchange, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That gold and silver coin shall be accepted in payment of the said duties at the following rates, regulations and values, to wit: Value of coin, &c.

Johannes's, weighing 18 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;	0 13 9
Other gold coin, (German excepted,) by the pennyweight,	0 6 5
English milled crowns;	0 8 4
Other English milled silver at the same rate.	
French silver crowns;	0 7 6
Spanish milled pieces of eight;	0 7 6
Other good coined Spanish silver, per ounce;	0 8 6
Any other gold coin of the same fineness of Spanish or Portugal coin, per ounce;	6 9 2