

1780. JUNE.

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

C H A P.
XXIV.
Subject to order.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills of credit shall be subject to the order of the governor and council, to be laid out in the purchase of provisions, or for other public purposes.

A legal tender,
&c.

* Chapter 8.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills, if issued, shall be a legal tender for all debts, rents, contracts and demands, in the same manner and under the same regulations that the bills of credit to be emitted in virtue of an act, entitled, * An act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, are made a legal tender.

Passed 5th of
July, 1780.

C H A P. XXV.
An ACT to procure an extra supply of provisions of the bread kind, also waggons and horses, for the use of the continental army. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 311.

C H A P. XXVI.
An ACT to expedite the raising an additional battalion of regulars. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 314.

* Chapter 25.

C H A P. XXVII.
A Supplement to the act * to procure an extra supply of provisions of the bread kind, also waggons and horses, for the use of the continental army. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 316.

C H A P. XXVIII.
An ACT relating to loans in specie, tenders for debts and contracts in future, and the establishment of a bank for public purposes.
Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 317.

Contracts, &c.
shall be paid,
&c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland; That all debts or promises hereafter contracted or made for gold or silver actually and *bonâ fide* lent, and so expressed in any bond, note, or other instrument in writing, shall be paid in gold or silver, according to the contract and the meaning of the parties, any law to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Proviso.

II. PROVIDED ALWAYS; That the creditor, at the time of the loan, or within three months thereafter, shall, on the bond, note, or other writing, endorse and sign, in the presence of one or more of the witnesses to the contract, that the bond, note, or other writing, was taken for specie lent.

Proviso.

III. AND PROVIDED ALSO, That the creditor, in case of difference about the consideration, shall make oath, (or affirmation,) that the bond, note, or other writing, was taken for specie actually and *bonâ fide* lent, and for no other account or consideration, and for default of such endorsement, or such oath or affirmation, before suit brought against the debtor, his executor or administrator, such bond, note, or other writing, shall be discharged in bills of credit emitted by the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, and the want of such endorsement or oath or affirmation may be given in evidence on the general issue.

Bills not to be
a legal tender,
&c.
* Chapter 9.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bills of credit issued by congress and emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of conventions, and made a legal tender in all cases by the act of assembly passed at February session, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, * shall not be a tender or payment for any debt, promise, contract or agreement, created or made after the passing of this act, (unless by agreement of the parties,) any thing in the said act, or any other law, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Part of an act
repealed.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That such part of the said act, which imposes a penalty on persons refusing to sell goods, manufactures, commodities, merchandise or provision, for a less price in gold or silver than for bills of credit, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

Bonds not to
be put in suit,
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no public bond due to the loan-office shall hereafter be put in suit for non-payment either of principal or interest, without the directions of the governor and council, or general assembly, any thing in any former law to the contrary notwithstanding, and that all suits already commenced on such bonds shall be discontinued.

Persons re-
quested to sub-
scribe, &c.

VII. AND, whereas many citizens of this state would pledge their property and credit to the establishment of a bank, for the purpose of procuring provisions and other supplies for the army, if this state would become security for their indemnification and repayment; BE IT ENACTED, That the patriotic and virtuous citizens of this state be requested to subscribe and to pledge their property and credit for the establishment of a bank, for the express and sole purpose of procuring provisions and other