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bills of one shilling each, and shall be struck on such plates, and printed with such devices and marks to prevent counterfeits, as the said supervisors shall direct; and the printer employed for printing the said bills, and all his apprentices and servants who shall be employed in the said work, shall severally, before they respectively enter on the said work, take an oath "faithfully and honestly to perform their duty, and that they will not advisedly print or stamp a greater number of blank bills, or of any other denomination, than directed by the supervisors, except only such sheets as may be blotted, unfair or imperfect, in the printing or striking thereof, and unfit for use;" which blotted, unfair or imperfect sheets, shall be immediately destroyed in the presence of the said supervisors, or one of them; and such bills as shall be fair and fit for emission, shall be locked up in some convenient room, and the key thereof shall be kept by the supervisors, and as the said bills shall be dried and fit for signing, the same shall from time to time be delivered into the treasury, and thence delivered out in small parcels for signing; but to prevent any accident happening to the said bills after they are perfected by signing, the treasurer is directed not to have any considerable sum of them signed beyond the immediate occasion.

Printer's allow-
ance, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the printer who shall print the said bills shall be entitled to receive, as a reward for his service, five hundred pounds of the said bills of credit, besides his actual cost of the paper, and that each supervisor shall be allowed fourteen shillings in the said bills of credit for his trouble, for every day he shall attend on the said service; and in case any supervisor shall die, resign or refuse to act, the governor and council may appoint a fit and proper person in his stead; and every supervisor shall, before he acts as such, take an oath diligently and faithfully to execute his duty as supervisor under this act.

Signers to be
appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council may appoint any number of persons, not exceeding six, to be signers of the said bills, and each bill shall be signed by some two of the said persons; and afterwards returned to the treasurer, and each signer shall be allowed at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence for every thousand bills by him signed, payable in the said bills of credit.

Bills not to be
issued beyond
the subscrip-
tions, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That none of the said bills of credit shall be issued or delivered out of the said office, further or beyond what the subscriptions and bonds herein after mentioned, then lodged in the said office, shall amount to; nor at any other value than at par with specie; and that one fifth part of the said bills of credit be appropriated to the defence of this state, and one third part of the said sum shall, immediately after the same is printed, be sent by the governor and council, unsigned, to the treasurer of the eastern shore, subject to the disposal of the special council, who may appoint proper persons to sign the same; and the residue of the said bills of credit, after deducting the said one fifth part, shall be wholly appropriated, and shall and may be issued under the orders of the governor and council, from time to time as occasion may require, for the purpose only of defraying the expences which shall be hereafter incurred of the present campaign.

To be kept in
chests, &c.

VI. AND, in order that the said bills of credit may be kept entirely separate as to their expenditure, issuing funds, payment in, and sinking. BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills of credit, as well before they issue as on their return into the office, and also any specie which may be paid into the said office, in lieu of, or security for, such bills of credit, shall be kept in chests separate from all other bills of credit and money whatsoever, and any gold or silver so paid in shall be kept and preserved in the treasury, until the time the said bills are directed by this act to be sunk; for the purpose of paying the holders of such bills; that the treasurer shall open and keep a regular set of books of and concerning the said bills of credit, and of all bonds, subscriptions, funds and transactions, in the said office, concerning the same; that in all orders of the governor and council for paying or issuing any of the said bills of credit, mention shall be made that such order is to be paid out of the said bills; and the auditor-general shall also open and keep a separate book of accounts of and concerning the said orders, and all accounts, charges and allowances, directed to be discharged in the said bills of credit.

Committee to
inspect ac-
counts, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a committee of the house of delegates shall be appointed every session, who shall inspect the books of accounts of the treasurer and auditor, and all matters and things in the said offices respecting the said bills of credit, and fully report to the house of delegates the state and condition thereof; and any of the said bills of credit, which may be returned into the said office by any of the means mentioned in this act for sinking the same, shall, on the receipt thereof, be punched through, cutting out a piece in the middle of the bill at least half an inch square or diameter, and such bills shall be produced to, and counted and burnt by, the said committee at the next session thereafter.

VIII. AND