

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said bills of credit shall be finally sunk and destroyed between the twenty-fifth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and the twenty-fifth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and for that purpose the then holders or possessors of any of the said bills may, between the said days, bring the same into the treasury of the western shore, and there deliver them to the treasurer, who shall pay and deliver such persons gold or silver to the value expressed in such bill, according to the following table, to wit:

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XXIII.
Bills to be
sunk, &c.

Johannes's, weighing 18 pennyweight,	£. 6	0	0
Half Johannes's, weighing 9 dwt.	3	0	0
Moldores, 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 same rate.	0	8	4
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,	0	9	2

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any subject of this state shall, within or without this state, and if any person whatever shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the said bills, or shall alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills, or shall offer or cause to be offered in payment any such counterfeit, forged or altered bill of credit, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged or altered, and shall be thereof convicted in the general or any county court of this state, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the panel, such person shall suffer death as a felon without benefit of clergy.

Counterfeiters,
to suffer death,
&c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That yearly and every year, for three years successively, there shall be and is hereby imposed a rate or tax of three shillings and nine-pence on every one hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and so *pro rata*, as the same is or may be valued for three years; and that the said rate of three shillings and nine-pence shall be collected with the other public taxes, and paid into the treasury on or before the twentieth day of September, in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-two, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and seventeen hundred and eighty-four, in the specie or bills in which it shall be actually collected; and any that shall be collected and paid into the treasury on the eastern shore, shall be, from time to time, on or before the last day of September yearly, transferred and paid over to the treasurer of the western shore, which said tax of three shillings and nine-pence shall be payable and paid in gold or silver, at the rates herein before mentioned, or in bills of credit emitted in virtue of this act, and not otherwise.

A tax to be im-
posed, &c.

XI. AND, to prevent any depreciation of the said bills of credit, BE IT ENACTED, That any subscriber herein after mentioned may, at any time, pay in the whole or any part of the sum subscribed by him, either in specie or the said bills of credit, to the treasurer of the western shore; and that any person possessed of any sum of the said bills of credit, not less than one hundred pounds, may deliver the same into the treasury of either shore, and the treasurer, who receives the same of such subscriber or other person, shall give a receipt for such money, expressing therein, that the same was paid in on account of the party's subscription, or as possessor of the said bills, as the case may be; and in case the party pays the same on account of his subscription, he shall be entitled to, and the receipt shall express, that interest of eight *per cent. per annum* shall be paid thereon; and in case the party pays in the same as the possessor thereof, such person shall be allowed, and the receipt shall express, that interest of six *per cent. per annum* shall be paid thereon; and any subscriber who shall pay in as aforesaid shall be discharged of his subscription for so much, and the bearers of any receipts obtained by possessors aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive the principal and interest due in specie, as if they had brought in the bills of credit aforesaid within the days appointed for bringing in the same.

Subscribers
may pay, &c.

XII. AND, to secure the faithful and punctual payment of the said bills, BE IT ENACTED, That the following property within this state, of persons well known to this general assembly to be British

Property to be
sold, &c.