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justice, and he is hereby required, to cause such person to enter into recognizance for his appearance at the next county court; (a) and the justices of the said county court are hereby directed to take cognizance thereof, and such proceedings shall thereupon be had, as in other criminal cases; and if the person so charged be found guilty by the verdict of a jury, the court shall immediately order such person to give security to indemnify the county from any charges that may accrue for the maintenance of the said child; and if he shall neglect or refuse to give such security, he shall be committed to the custody of the sheriff until he comply; and any person swearing falsely in the premises shall suffer the same pains and penalties as persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

(a) By 1785, ch. 47, the justices are directed to return such recognizances to the next county court, which is to be recorded, and proceeds to issue thereon. By 1796, ch. 34, any justice of the peace may, on application, issue an order for the payment of a sum, not exceeding thirty dollars per annum, till the child shall arrive to the age of seven years, on failure whereof a scire facias may issue on the recognizance.

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An ACT to empower William Wilkinson and John Cradock to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 102. A Private Act.

Passed 22d of
Jan. 1782.

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An ACT to empower Henry Griffith and Charles Greenbury Griffith to sell certain lands for the purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 103. A Private Act.

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An ACT to declare what foreign gold and silver coin shall be deemed the current money of the state. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 104.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the foreign gold and silver coin herein after mentioned shall pass current within this state at the following rates, to wit:

Rates of gold,
&c.

Johannes's, weighing eighteen pennyweight,	£. 6	0	0
Half Johannes's, weighing nine pennyweight,	3	0	0
Moidores, weighing six pennyweight eighteen grains,	2	5	0
English guineas, weighing five pennyweight six grains,	1	15	0
French guineas, weighing five pennyweight five grains,	1	14	6
Doublons, weighing seventeen pennyweight,	5	12	0
Spanish pistoles, weighing four pennyweight six grains,	1	8	0
French milled pistoles, weighing four pennyweight four grains,	1	7	6
Arabian chequins, weighing two pennyweight three grains,	13	9	
Other gold coin, (German excepted,) by the pennyweight,	6	5	
English milled crowns,	8	4	
Other English milled silver at same rate.			
French silver crowns,	8	4	
Spanish milled pieces of eight,	7	6	
Other good coined Spanish silver, per ounce,	8	6	
Any other gold coin of the same fineness of Spanish or Portugal coin, per ounce,	6	13	4

And shall be deemed and adjudged in all courts of law, and in the court of equity and orphans courts, the current money of the state, and shall be received as such in payment of all debts, covenants, contracts, promises and agreements, at the value above expressed, except in the settlement of deceased persons estates, where the appraisements were made in the estates accounted for in dollars at six shillings.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all judgments and decrees, appraisements of the estate of any deceased person, and all penalties, fines and forfeitures, shall only be rendered, given, made or imposed, in current money, at the rate and value aforesaid; and all mortgages, judgments, debts, covenants, contracts, promises or agreements, heretofore made for sterling money, may be discharged in any gold or silver coin above mentioned, at the rate of one hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence current money for one hundred pounds sterling.

Judgments, &c.
how to be rendered, &c.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall be taken or construed to repeal any part of the act (b) for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolve of convention.

Proviso.

(b) October, 1780, ch. 5.