

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Sixth day of February, 1812, and continued by several Prorogations to Thursday the Thirteenth day of February, 1817, in the Fifty-Seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Seventh Session of the Tenth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes.

Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint three fit and proper persons as commissioners to issue treasury notes, to any amount not exceeding five thousand pounds; the whole thereof to be five pound notes; which notes shall be of the same form, signed, countersigned, and delivered, and shall be paid, received in payment in like manner, and again re-issued, under the rules, regulations, restrictions and provisions, as are mentioned, expressed and contained, in the act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to authorise the Treasurer of the Province to call in and pay the Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue other Treasury Notes."

II. And be it further enacted, that the notes that may after the publication of this Act, be issued or re-issued under and in virtue of the said act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's reign, entitled as aforesaid, two thousand eight hundred two pound notes, and one thousand nine hundred one pound notes, shall bear date the thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and the remainder thereof, and all notes that may be issued under and by virtue of this act, shall bear date the thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons whatsoever, shall counterfeit any of the notes aforesaid, issued by virtue of this act, or alter any of the same, so that they give in payment, any of the notes aforesaid, so counterfeited or altered, every person convicted thereof shall be set in the pillory for the space of one whole hour, and one of the ears of such offender shall be nailed thereto, and such offender shall be publicly whipped through the streets of the town or place where such offence shall have been committed, and shall pay all charges of the prosecution.

IV. And be it further enacted, that in case the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, shall, by his warrant or warrants, require the treasurer of the province to re-issue the notes received in payment at the treasury, or to require the commissioner to

issue other notes in lieu of those so received, or any part thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer to re-issue the said notes, or the commissioners to issue other notes, agreeably to the said warrants. Provided, the new notes so to be re-issued, shall not exceed the amount of the notes so from time to time received in payment at the treasury.

V. And be it further enacted, that if, after the thirty-first day of December next ensuing all the treasury notes which shall be issued and re-issued under and in virtue of this act, and which shall be hereafter issued and re-issued under and in virtue of the said act, passed in the fifty-third year of His Majesty's reign, entitled as aforesaid, shall not have been received in payment of duties by the collectors of impost and excise and paid into the treasury, it shall and may be lawful for the holders of any such treasury notes to present the same for payment at the office of the treasurer of the province, and the treasurer is hereby directed and required to pay all such treasury notes on demand, in gold and silver.

VI. And be it further enacted, that if any person, at any quarterly period after the thirty-first day of December next,—that is to say—at the thirty-first day of March, the thirtieth day of June, the thirtieth day of September, and the thirty-first day of December, in any succeeding year, shall tender for payment at the treasury, any number of treasury notes issued or re-issued under and in virtue of this Act, or which shall hereafter be issued and re-issued titled, An Act to authorise the Treasurer of the Province to call in and pay the Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue other Treasury Notes, amounting in value to one hundred pounds or upwards, in case the Treasurer shall not be able to pay the same in gold and silver, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal, to direct the commissioners aforesaid to fund such sum or sums or treasury notes as shall be so tendered for payment from time to time as aforesaid, and to grant certificates to the amount thereof on interest, and the said commissioners shall deliver the said notes so funded to the treasurer of the province, and take his receipt for the same, and the treasurer shall be charged with and accountable for the same, and the said notes shall not be again issued from the treasury or put in circulation, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

VII. And be it further enacted, that so much of the said act, passed in the fifty-third year of his Majesty's reign, entitled as aforesaid, as respects the funding of notes which may hereafter be issued or re-issued under and in virtue of the said act, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.