

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 Fifth day of February 1818, in the Fifty-Eighth 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 Eighth 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 fifteen thousand pounds; the said notes so to be issued shall be of five pound notes, two pound notes, and one pound notes, and shall bear date the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and shall be of the same form, signed, countersigned, and delivered, and shall be paid and 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 authorize the Treasurer of the Province to call in and pay the Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint commissioners to issue other treasury notes.

II. And be it further enacted, that if any treasury notes heretofore issued, shall be at any time funding under, and in virtue of, the sixth section of the act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint commissioners to issue treasury notes; it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by warrant or warrants to require the said commissioners to issue other notes in lieu of those so funded as aforesaid, or any part thereof. Provided always, that the new notes so to be issued under the said warrant or warrants, shall not exceed the amount of the notes so from time to time funded as aforesaid.

III. And be it further enacted, that the said treasury notes to be issued in lieu of the notes so to be funded as aforesaid, shall bear date the twentieth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, shall be of the same form, signed, countersigned, and delivered; and shall be paid, received in payment, in the manner, and again re-issued under the rules, regulations, restrictions, and provisions as are mentioned and expressed, and contained in the act mentioned and described in the first section of this act.

IV. 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

shall appear to be of greater value than when originally issued, or shall knowingly pass or 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 charged of the prosecution.

V. 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 commissioners 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.

VI. And be it further enacted, that if after the thirty-first day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, all the treasury notes which shall be issued and re-issued under and in virtue of this act, shall not have been received in payment of duties by the collectors or 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.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize any issue or re issue of treasury notes under this act, or that may be issued or re-issued under any other act heretofore made, so as to have in circulation at any one time a greater sum than forty thousand pounds.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer, and he is hereby directed, from and after the publication hereof, when and as soon as he shall receive a sum of money in gold and silver sufficient to pay and discharge the amount, principal and interest, due upon any certificate granted under the sixth section of the act mentioned and described in the second section of this act, he shall give sixty days notice of his intention to pay such certificate and fix a day for the payment thereof, and as gold and silver shall be received into the treasury to pay the principal and interest due upon any other certificate or certificates granted as aforesaid, he shall give the same notice and shall continue to do so until the whole of the principal and interest due upon the certificates granted as aforesaid shall be fully paid and satisfied, and on the person or persons holding such certificate or certificates failing to attend and produce the same at the time respectively limited, all future interest on the same shall cease, and no other or greater amount of interest shall be paid on such certificates so called in than was due and payable at the time the same was required to be presented to the treasury as aforesaid.

IX. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the said treasurer, and he is hereby directed, to pay to the person or persons duly authorized to receive the same yearly and every year the interest, as the same may become due upon any certificate or certificates granted under the sixth section of the act aforesaid, until the principal thereof shall be fully paid and discharged.