

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Eleventh day of February, 1819; and continued by several Prorogations until Thursday, the Tenth day of February, 1820, in the Sixtieth 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 Second Session of the Eleventh General Assembly, convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds.**

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, 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 twenty thousand pounds; the said notes so to be issued, shall be of two pound notes, and one pound notes, and shall bear date the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; 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 authorise 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 Treasury Notes."

II. And be it further enacted, that the said commissioners, so to be appointed as aforesaid, before they enter upon the duties imposed by this act, shall respectively take and subscribe, before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, the following oath:

I, A. B. do swear, that I will well and faithfully do and perform, what I am directed and empowered to do, as a commissioner to issue treasury notes, under an act, entitled, "An Act to authorise the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to Issue Treasury Notes;" and that I will not knowingly sign any more, or greater amount of treasury notes than I am authorised to do under the said act. So help me God: which affidavit shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the province.

III. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons whosoever, 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 charges of the prosecution.

IV. And be it further enacted, that in case the Governor, 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.

V. And be it further enacted, that if, after the thirty-first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, 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 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. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that nothing hereincontained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorise 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 seventy thousand pounds.

VII. And be it further enacted, that if any person, at any quarterly period after the thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, 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 under, and in virtue of, this act, or which have heretofore been issued, or re-issued, under and in virtue of, this act, or which have heretofore been issued, or re-issued, under and in virtue of the act, passed in the fifty-eighth 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," 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 of money, in treasury notes, as shall be so tendered in payment, from time to time, as aforesaid, and to grant certificates to the amount thereof on interest, and the said commissioners shall, in presence of the said treasurer, cancel the said notes, by cutting therefrom the name of the treasurer, and the year in which they are issued, and shall deliver the same to the secretary of the province to be examined, and destroyed, as by the seventh section of this act is directed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful, for the treasurer, and he is hereby directed, 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 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, sufficient 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, paying and discharging the smaller certificates before the larger ones, until the whole of the principal and interest due upon the certificates, granted as aforesaid, shall be fully paid and satisfied; and the person or persons holding such certificate or certificates, failing to attend and produce the same at the times respectively limited, all future interest thereon 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 were 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 authorised to receive the same, yearly, and every year, the interest, as the same may become due, upon any certificate or certificates granted under this act, until the principal thereof shall be fully paid and discharged.