

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1818. Fredericton, NB: George K. Lugin, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1818.

58 George III – Chapter 15

An Act to provide for punctuality, of payment at the Treasury. Passed the 11th March, 1818.

Whereas, owing to the scarcity of Specie, and the delay thereby occasioned in payment of Warrants on the Treasury for public services, great inconveniences have been experienced,

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That Notes to the amount of ten thousand pounds, be issued forthwith after the passing of this Act, as follows :—to wit,

- Two thousand Notes of five shillings each.
- Two thousand Notes of ten shillings each.
- One thousand Notes of twenty shillings each.
- One thousand Notes of thirty shillings each.
- Five hundred Notes of forty shillings each.
- One thousand Notes of fifty shillings each.
- Four hundred Notes of three pounds each.
- And two hundred and sixty Notes of five pounds each.

Making in all ten thousand pounds; which Notes shall be indented and impressed with the words NEW-BRUNSWICK, and signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Honorable Ward Chipman, and the Honorable William Pagan, and Hugh Johnston, Esq. or any two of them, and be in the form following, to wit.

NEW BRUNSWICK	No. _____ TREASURER'S OFFICE, NEW-BRUNSWICK,		
	_____ Shillings (or Pounds.)		
	This Note shall be estimated at the Treasurer's Office, of equal value as Gold and Silver, to the amount of _____ Shillings (or Pounds,) and be received as such in all payments at the Treasury		
_____	_____	_____	_____
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All which Notes shall be of the same date, and shall, when so completed and signed, be delivered to the Treasurer, by the persons appointed to countersign the same, which Treasurer shall be accountable for such Notes, so delivered to him.

II. And be it further enacted, That when, and as often as money shall become due or payable, by virtue of an Act already passed, or that may be passed by the Legislature of this Province, and warrants for the same, are produced for payment at the Treasurer's Office, the Treasurer shall pay the amount of such warrants, on demand, in Gold or Silver, or in the said Notes to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, on their voluntary acceptance thereof, which Notes shall be again received at the Treasury, at their specified value, equal to the like value of Gold or Silver, when and as often as the same are presented and offered in payment of duties.

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 shall appear to be of greater value, than when originally filled up, numbered and signed, or shall knowingly pass or give in payment, any of the Notes aforesaid, so counterfeited or altered, every person guilty of so counterfeiting or altering any such Note or knowingly passing or giving in payment, any such altered or counterfeited Note, shall be deemed guilty of felony without benefit of Clergy.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when, and as often as the state of the Treasury will admit the calling in to the value of five hundred pounds and upwards, of the Notes so issued and paid out, the Treasurer shall, by advertisement in the Royal Gazette, appoint the time, at which he will receive such Notes, and pay the amount of the same in Gold and Silver, giving thirty days notice of such redemption, and mentioning the numbers of Notes, so required to be produced for payment, calling in first, those of the largest amount then in circulation.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Province Treasurer together with the persons appointed to countersign the aforesaid Notes or the major part of them be, and are hereby appointed to contract for, and superintend the completing of the Notes to be issued by virtue of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case of the death, removal from the City of Saint John, or the refusal to act, of any of the persons herein appointed to countersign the Treasury Notes, to be issued as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, to nominate and appoint some other fit persons to countersign the same.