

lent practice be used by the printer, his apprentices, servants, and others concerned in the printing or striking thereof.

That the printer and all his apprentices and servants which he shall employ in the said work, before he or they enter upon the same, take before some justice of the peace, in the presence of one or both of the said supervisors; the following oath, to wit: "I A. B. do swear that I will truly, faithfully and honestly perform the duty of printer of the bills of credit directed to be printed by a resolve of the convention of Maryland, held at the city of Annapolis the seventh day of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and that I will not advisedly print or stamp a greater number of blank bills of credit than in that resolve mentioned, nor of any other denomination than therein expressed, except such sheets as may be so blotted, unfair, or imperfect in printing or striking thereof, that the same shall be unfit for use. So help me GOD."

That the said printer shall not by himself, his servants, or any other person by him employed, print, strike, stitch, or bind the said bills, or any of them, but in the presence of one or both of the said supervisors. And in every intermission of the work, the said supervisors shall safely and securely lock up the press and stamps with which the work shall be performed, and the impressions which shall be then made, in the room in which the printing and binding shall be done, and the keys of such room shall keep in their possession; and when all the said bills shall be printed and struck, the plates shall be delivered by the printer to the said supervisors, and by them to the convention, or in its recess to the council of safety.

That Charles Wallace, John Davidson, Nathan Hammond, Richard Tootell, James Brice, John Brice, Thomas Brook Hodgkin, John Duckett, Robert Lloyd Nichols, Samuel Sharp, Richard Tilghman, jun., Henry Banning, Peregrine Tilghman, William Perry, Jeremiah Banning, and Joseph Bruff, be signers of the said bills.

That the said supervisors, as soon as the said bills shall be printed, struck, stitched, and bound, shall deliver three fourth parts thereof in value to the treasurer of the Western shore appointed by the last convention, and the other fourth part thereof to the treasurer of the eastern shore appointed by the last convention; and the said treasurers shall deliver out to the signers residing on their respective shores, such and so many of the said bills to be immediately numbered and signed by them, as may be sufficient to answer any probable and immediate demand on them for the same, not exceeding twelve thousand dollars; and each of the said bills shall be numbered and signed by some two of the said signers, and returned again after being numbered and signed, to the respective treasurers;