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An Act to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and artifices in certain Trades, of Wages in Goods, or by way of truck, or otherwise than in the Current Coin of this Province.

WHEREAS it is necessary to prohibit the payment Preamble.
in certain Trades of Wages in Goods, or otherwise than in the Current Coin of this Province: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

5 That in all contracts hereafter to be made for the hiring Contracts for hiring of artificers to be made in current coin.
of any artificer in any of the trades hereinafter enumerated, or for the performance by any artificer of any labor in any of the said trades, the wages of such artificer shall be made payable in the current coin aforesaid, and that
10 if in any such contract, the whole or any part of such wages shall be made payable in any manner other than in the current coin aforesaid, such contract shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

II. And be it enacted, That if in any contract hereafter Or contract to be void.
15 to be made between any artificer in any of the Trades hereinafter enumerated, and his employer, any provision shall be made directly or indirectly respecting the place where, or the manner in which, or the person or persons with whom, the whole or any part of the wages due or
15 to become due to any such artificer shall be laid out or expended, such contract shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

III. And be it enacted, That the entire amount of the Wages to be paid to workmen in coin.
wages earned by or payable to any artificer, in any of the
20 trades hereinafter enumerated, in respect of any labor by him done in any such trade, shall be actually paid to such artificer in the current coin of this Province, and not otherwise, and every payment made to any such artificer by his employer, of or in respect of any such wages
25 by the delivering to him of goods or otherwise than in the current coin aforesaid, except as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void.

IV. And be it enacted, That every artificer in any of Artificers may recover wages, if not paid in coin.
the trades hereinafter enumerated shall be entitled to re-
30 cover from his employer in any such trade in the manner by law provided for the recovery of servants' wages, or by any other lawful ways and means, the whole or so much of the wages earned by such artificer in such trade