

Assessments, herein before directed to be returned to the Commissioners.

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LXX. And be it further Enacted, That if any Assessor, nominated or appointed by Virtue of this Act, shall make Default at the Time appointed for his Appearance, or on his Appearance shall refuse to serve, not having a lawful Excuse, to be proved by the Oath of one credible Witness, or shall neglect to return Certificates of his said Assessments to the Commissioners as aforesaid, at the Time and Place prefixed, shall for every such Neglect, Refusal, or Default, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money, to be recovered and applied as herein after directed; and the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, are hereby authorised and impowered, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint one or more Assessor or Assessors, in the Room of the Assessor or Assessors, so refusing or making Default, and to give him or them Notice as aforesaid, and every Assessor so nominated and appointed, shall be liable to the same Penalty, for every Neglect, Refusal, or Default as aforesaid, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid, and if any Assessor or Assessors so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, shall happen to die, before he or they shall have fully completed his or their Assessment, the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, are hereby authorised and impowered, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint one or more Assessor or Assessors, in the Room of the said Assessor or Assessors so dying, and every Assessor so as aforesaid nominated and appointed, shall before he takes upon him the Execution of the said Employment, take an Oath, or if a Quaker, his solemn Affirmation to the Effect thereof, to be administered in these Words following: You shall swear well and truly to execute the Duty of an Assessor, and to cause the Rates and Duties imposed by an Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Five Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and for defraying the Expence heretofore incurred for the Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and for raising the same by an equal Assessment upon all Estates, real and personal, and lucrative Offices and Employments, to be duly and impartially assessed, according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge, and therein you shall spare no Person for Favour or Affection, nor any Person grieve for Hatred or Illwill: Which Oath any one of the Commissioners, in the County where the said Assessment is to be made, hath hereby Power to administer.

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LXXI. And be it further Enacted, That the Receiver of the Quit-Rents for each County shall make out and deliver by the Fourth Day of October next, to the Commissioners of their respective Counties, true and fair Accounts from their last Debt Books, of the Names and Quantities of Acres of every Tract or Parcel of Land