

correcting their valuation of property; and the said commissioners shall have full authority, and they are hereby directed, carefully to examine the several certificates of valuation in their respective counties, and to correct the same, although no complaint or appeal be made to them, so as to make the same as nearly equal as possible.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That the property of each assessor shall be valued by the commissioners of his county, or of the city of Baltimore, (as the case may be,) or any one of them, between the first and twentieth day of May next, in the same manner as real and personal property of other persons by this act is directed to be estimated by the assessors.

Property of assessors.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of the several counties, and of the city of Baltimore, shall direct their clerk to enter in a well bound book to be provided for that purpose, an accurate and fair account of all the real and personal property within their county or city, and the valuation thereof as returned by the assessors, or as corrected by them, with an alphabetical list of the owners or persons chargeable with the assessment of such property.

Accounts to be entered in a book.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk to the commissioners in each county, and the city of Baltimore, shall on or before the first Monday of August next, make out from the assessors' certificates, and the corrections thereof, (if any,) by the commissioners, a summary account or list, in columns, in which shall be expressed the number of slaves of each description within this act, the weight of plate, and the value of each of the said species or kind of property, and all the other personal property, and the value thereof in each district, and the whole value in each district extended, and the amount of each column, and shall lay the same before the commissioners, who, after correction thereof, (if necessary,) shall sign and enclose the same, endorsed, 'for the public service,' to the clerk of the house of delegates, and shall within ten days thereafter, under the penalty of one hundred dollars on each commissioner, deliver the same to the sheriff of their county, to be by him forwarded as public letters, and under the like penalty, and shall also deliver to the clerk of his county court, a duplicate thereof, to be lodged among the records of the said county in eight days thereafter; and the clerk of the house of delegates shall enter the said summary account in a book to be provided for the purpose, and keep the original in his office, and on the second day of the next meeting of the general assembly he shall lay the same before the house of delegates for the inspection of the members.

Summary account or list.

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted*, That if any suit shall be brought against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this act,

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