

AN ACT, entitled, a further Supplement to the Act of eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter two hundred and seventeen, and the several supplements thereto, in relation to the electing Commissioners for Baltimore County.—1838, ch. 201.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter two hundred and seventeen, providing for the election of commissioners for Baltimore county, and transferring the powers and duties of the commissioners of tax and that of the levy court of said county; *And whereas*, the powers and duties are very important to the people of said county, inasmuch as they are vested with the entire control of the police of said county, and the levying and collecting taxes, and disbursing the same to the amount of more than thirty thousand dollars per annum; *And whereas*, by the several supplements heretofore passed, their powers have been very much expanded and our expenses increased in a very great degree, we therefore deem it necessary to re-model and more fully condense the system; therefore,

Case of
vacancy of
commis-
sioners.

Election by
the county.

From the
vacant dis-
trict.

Oath of
office re-
quired.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, whenever a vacancy may happen in the board of commissioners for Baltimore county, by death, resignation, or by expiration of service, the vacancy shall be filled up by a general vote of the whole county, taking care to confine the choice to be made to the commissioners' district where such vacancy may happen, and the person or persons ballotted for, receiving the highest number of votes taken throughout the county, shall be considered elected for their respective district or districts, and before they proceed to act as such commissioner or commissioners, they shall take and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, before some person properly qualified to administer the same: You, J. H. do make oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that you will honestly and faithfully inquire into all things touching the interest of the citizens of Baltimore county, and that you will act in all cases connected with your duty according to law, without favour, partiality, or prejudice, to the best of your skill and ability, so help you God; which oath shall be made a part of the proceedings of said board and recorded by the clerk of said board.

Clerk and
treasurer to
be appoint-
ed.

His duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to appoint a suitable and competent person, who shall act as clerk and treasurer, whose duty it shall be to make out and keep a true and correct record of the proceedings of the commissioners at their stated meetings, from time to time, shewing fully the number of days each member of said board necessarily attended on the business of the board.

Clerk to act
as treasurer

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk, so chosen, shall act as treasurer of Baltimore county, and in every respect