title "Assignment," as imposes an annual tax of three cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessable property, for the use of the State, in aid of other sources of revenue for the support of government, commonly known as the "Direct Tax," be and the same is hereby repealed; provided that any imposi-Proviso. tion or levy of said tax for former years shall be good and valid, and collectable in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.

## CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the clerk to the County Commissioners of Dorchester county, to administer an oath or affirmation, upon any claim against said county, or upon any official paper or papers in connection with his office.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Clerk autho-Maryland, That the clerk to the County Commis-rized to adsioners of Dorchester county, is hereby authorized minister oath and empowered to administer an oath or affirmation, upon any claim against said county, or upon any official paper or papers connected with his office.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

· Approved April 1, 1872.