

appeals, or at such other times as they in their discretion shall think reasonable, for the purpose of 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, though no complaint or appeal to them, so as to make the same as nearly equal as possible.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the property of each assessor shall be valued by the commissioners of his county, or of Baltimore-town and its precincts, as the case may be, or any one of them, on or before the nineteenth day of June next, in the same manner as the personal property of other persons by this act is directed to be estimated by the assessors.

Assessors property to be valued, &c.

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

Clerk to keep a fair account, &c.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the clerk to the commissioners in each county 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 five days thereafter, under penalty of fifty pounds current money 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 court, in five days thereafter; and the clerk of the house of delegates shall enter the said summary account in a book to be provided for that 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.

And make out a list, &c.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if any person appointed a commissioner, or to any office in virtue of this act, hath not heretofore taken the oaths, (or affirmations as the case may be) of fidelity and support to this state, such person shall, before he acts as such, take the oaths or affirmations directed by this act, subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and take the oath (or affirmation) of fidelity to this state, directed by the constitution, and the oath or affirmation prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism; which oaths or affirmations any one of the said commissioners, or any justice of the peace, may administer.

Commissioners, &c. to take oath of fidelity, &c.

XXV. And be it enacted, That if any of the days appointed by this act for the performance of any of the duties hereby required shall happen to be a Sunday, then such duties shall be performed on the day following.

Duties not to be performed on Sundays, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if any suit shall be brought against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this act, the suit shall be commenced

Suits to be brought within six months, &c.