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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.

Suits brought
for acts done
in pursuance
of this law.

27. 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 within six months after the fact committed; and the defendant in any suit may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any suit shall be brought after the limited time, then the jury shall find for the defendant, and if the plaintiff shall become non-suit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or upon demurrer judgment shall be given against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs of suit as in other cases at law.

Persons re-
moving from
any county,
&c.

28. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passage of this act, every person who shall or may remove to any county within this State, from the county in which his or her property hath or may have been assessed, or from any other place without the State, and whose personal property hath not or may not have been assessed in the county to which he or she hath or may remove, every such person shall, when required by the collector of the county, or his deputy, in which his or her personal property under his or her care and management doth or may lie, to give to such collector, or his deputy, a full and particular account of his or her personal property in the said county, and of all personal property in his or her possession, or under his or her care and management, liable to be assessed, and which before the time of such request, shall not have been assessed in the said county, and the name of the person to whom the same belongs; and if any person shall refuse, or after reasonable notice, shall neglect to render such account,