

Howard District, and to the Appeal tax court of the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That each and every collector of the county tax aforesaid, in making a return of the slaves aforesaid, shall in a book kept for the special purpose, designate to whom they belong, and classify them as follows: viz., all slaves males and females under five years of age shall constitute the first class; all slaves males and females between five and ten, the second class; all males between ten and fifteen, the third class; all males between fifteen and thirty, the fourth class; all males between thirty and forty-five, the fifth class; all males between forty-five and sixty, the sixth class; all females between ten and fourteen the seventh class; all females between fourteen and thirty-six, the eighth class; and all females between thirty-six and fifty, the ninth class.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the levy courts or commissioners of the several counties of this State and of Howard District, and the Appeal Tax Court of the city of Baltimore to assess all slaves according to the classification in the preceding section as follows: viz, all slaves males and females under five years of age, shall be assessed at thirty-five dollars; all males and females between five and ten years at one hundred and twenty-five dollars; all males between ten and fifteen years, at three hundred dollars; all males between fifteen and thirty years at four hundred dollars; all males between thirty and forty-five years at three hundred dollars; all males between forty-five and sixty years at one hundred dollars; all females between ten and fourteen years at two hundred dollars; all females between fourteen and thirty-six years at three hundred dollars; all females between thirty-six and fifty years at one hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That every collector of the county tax aforesaid, before entering upon the discharge of the additional duties required by this supplemental act, shall first make oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace for the county, district or city in which he resides, that he will faithfully, without favor or partiality, to the best of his ability, make out a true list of all the slaves in his county, district or city, according to the provisions of the second section of this act, and return the same to the proper authorities thereof, within six months from the time of taking such oath.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That if any collector aforesaid shall have just cause to believe that the owner or owners of any slave or slaves do not give in a true list of his slave or slaves, he shall have full power to swear him as to the correctness of the list; and the form of the oath to be administered shall be as follows:— You A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm that you have made a true list of your slaves, both as regards age and sex, to the best of your knowledge and belief.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the aforesaid collectors shall be allowed at the rate of one cent per head for each slave, to be