

8. The said commissioners, in their direction to the assessors by them to be appointed in virtue of this act, shall be governed in all respects by the provisions and directions of the act, entitled, "an act to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this State for the purpose of laying the public assessment; passed in 1785, (See *valuation of land for assessment*, art. 1, 2, 3, 4.) and of this act; and the said commissioners shall not be obliged to alter the price or value set on any lands in virtue of the aforesaid act averaging the value of lands, except so much of the Federal city as lies in Prince George's county, which shall be valued agreeably to its present worth; except on account of improvements erected thereon since the passage of the said act, and except also in cases where the value of the property has been diminished by fire, or other unavoidable accident, and except also in cases where; on an appeal by the party interested; and on examination; they shall be of opinion the former valuation was erroneous and unjust; and the said commissioners are hereby authorised to call on the clerks of their counties to deliver them a list of alienations from the 1st day of June 1797; to the first meeting of the said commissioners; and so from time to time as occasion may require; and also to call on the clerks of their counties for a list of all transfers of personal property which shall be recorded in their respective offices, and which take place after the assessment of property in virtue of this act, from time to time as occasions may require.—*ibid.* § 8.

9. The commissioners herein before named and appointed for the city of Baltimore, or the major part of them, shall meet at some convenient place in the said city, to be appointed by them, at the several and respective times herein before mentioned and prescribed for the meetings of the commissioners of the several counties; and the said commissioners for the city of Baltimore, or the major part of them, shall then and there execute the several powers and duties committed to and required of the commissioners of the several counties by this act, and shall be liable to the same penalties for omissions or neglect of duty as are imposed by this act on the commissioners of the several countries.—*ibid.* § 11.

10. The commissioners of the tax for the city of Baltimore shall meet; at some convenient place in the said city, at the time aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and then and there appoint a clerk, and one or more sensible and active persons, inhabitants of the said city, to be assessor or assessors of the real and personal property in the said city; and the said commissioners shall meet, on the 20th day of May next, at such convenient place in the said city as they shall appoint, for hearing and determining appeals, and shall sit 20 days thereafter; (if necessary) for the purpose aforesaid, and shall hear and determine all such complaints as may be made to them by any person apprehending himself aggrieved by the valuation to be made as aforesaid.—*ibid.* § 12.

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