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III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That five sensible, discreet, and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called Commissioners of the Tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for each county; provided, that no member of the general assembly, or the council, clergyman, practicing attorney, or physician, sheriff, clerks of the general or any county court, ordinary-keeper, mariner or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the following persons shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, to wit: For Saint Mary's county, Messieurs Ignatius Fenwick, Robert Watts, Jeremiah Jordan, Robert Chesley and Thomas Bond; for Kent county, Messieurs Richard Miller, William Maxwell, junior, George Hanlon, Nathaniel Comegys and Simon Wickes, Chester town; for Anne Arundel county, Messieurs John Weems, John Brice, William Hall, Edward Gaither and Rezin Hammond; for Calvert county, Messieurs Daniel Rawlings, Thomas Blake, Joseph Wilkinson, Thomas Mackall and Frederick Shinner; for Charles county, Messieurs Richard Barnes, Robert Young, Thomas Harris, Henry Barnes and Gerard Blackilton Cousin; for Baltimore county, Messieurs William Spear, Benjamin Rogers, Darby Lux, Samuel Owings and Daniel Bowley; for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Howes Goldsborough, Samuel Chamberlain, Peregrine Tilghman and Henry Banning; for Somerset county, Messieurs William Gillis, David Wilson, John Winder, John Williams and William M'Brude; for Dorchester county, Messieurs Robert Harrison, Henry Hooper, Q. S. Joseph Ennalls, John Goldsborough and James Sulivane; for Cæcil county, Messieurs Samuel Gilpin, John Ward, (inspector,) Jeremiah Baker, Samuel Veazey and James Evans, senior; for Prince George's county, Messieurs William Beanes, William Bowie, Nathaniel Magruder, Edward Sprigg, and John Contee; for Queen Anne's county, Messieurs Aquila Brown, Richard Tilghman, 4th, Richard Tilghman Earle, John Brown and Arthur Emory, junior; for Worcester county, Messieurs Thomas Martin, John Selby, Thomas Purnell, of Thomas, Samuel Handy and Ebenezer Handy; for Frederick county, Messieurs William Murdock Beall, Thomas Hawkins, Peter Mantz, Joshua Giest, and James Ogle; for Harford county, Messieurs Thomas Johnson, John Rumsey, William Wilson, James Bond and Abraham Whittaker; for Caroline county, Messieurs Robert Pottlewaite, Philemon Downes, Matthew Driver, Philip Walker and Thomas Mason, of Richard; for Washington county, Messieurs Alexander Clagett, Charles Swearingen, Denton Jacques, James Prather and Joseph Cresap; for Montgomery county, Messieurs Richard Brooke, Samuel Thomas, 3d, Richard Wootton, William Holmes and Thomas Cramphin.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner, appointed, (or to be appointed) in virtue of this act, shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that as commissioner for _____ county, I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the directions of this act, without favour, affection or partiality, and that I will do equal right and justice, according to the best of my knowledge, in every case in which I shall act as commissioner; so help me God."

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner who shall take upon himself the execution of this act shall, during the time he shall act as commissioner, be exempt from all military duty.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person appointed commissioner of the tax shall refuse to serve, not having a reasonable excuse in the judgment of the county court of his county, he shall for such refusal forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds current money.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any one or two of the commissioners for any of the counties aforesaid shall die, refuse, or be rendered incapable to act, a majority of the remaining commissioners may appoint some other in the place of the person or persons who shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act; and if any three or more of the said commissioners shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint some person or persons in his or their place, so as to make up the number of three commissioners, and they shall fill up the remaining vacancies in manner aforesaid.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the tax shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday in February next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and as often after as shall be necessary; and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, shall appoint a clerk, who shall be and is hereby required, in case he has no reasonable excuse, to act as such for the ensuing year, under the penalty