

putable Freeholders, not being Members of either House of Assembly, Clergymen, Sheriffs, or practising Physicians, in every Hundred, in their respective Counties, who shall, by Virtue of their Office, and this Act, take Copies of the several Lists of Taxables, returned by the several Constables, in the County Courts, the preceeding Year; which said Lists, the several County Clerks are hereby required to deliver unto them, within Twenty Days after such their Appointment; and that the Persons so to be appointed, shall take the following Oath, or Affirmation, if a Quaker.

I A. B. do swear, or affirm, *That I will well and truly execute the Powers and Authorities to me given, by an Act, intituled, An Act for Emitting and Making current Ninety Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit, without Favour or Affection, Partiality or Curruption, to the utmost of my Power, Skill, and Knowledge.*

PROVIDED always, That no Person who shall be so appointed, shall be deemed or taken to be an Officer, or subject to any Pains, Penalties, or Forfeitures, for not taking the Oaths to the Government, as a Qualification, to put this Act in Execution.

AND be it Enacted, That the Persons so to be appointed, shall, between the Last Day of *May*, and Last Day of *July*, in the respective Years aforesaid, of Seventeen Hundred Thirty Four, and Seventeen Hundred Thirty Five, either together, or one of them to one Part, and the other to the other Part of their Hundreds, at their Discretion, repair to the Dwelling-house, or Place of Abode of every Inhabitant, within their respective Hundreds, and require every such Person to produce the several Quantities of Tobacco herein before-mentioned; which the said Persons, or either of them, shall cause to be burnt in his or their View: And that the respective Inhabitants shall be obliged to find and provide Fuel for that Purpose, and to burn, or cause such Tobacco to be burnt and destroyed, in the Presence of the Person or Persons to be appointed, as aforesaid: And that such Person or Persons shall give a Certificate or Certificates of the Quantities of Tobacco to be so burnt; which Certificates may be compared with the Constables Lists of Taxables, in Order to discover any Frauds, when there shall be any Suspicion of any Fraud being committed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act. And that the said Person or Persons, so to be appointed to put this Act in Execution, shall return to their respective County Courts, a List or Lists of such Person or Persons as shall refuse or neglect to burn the Quantities of Tobacco herein before-mentioned; which List to be so returned, shall, by such Person or Persons sworn, or affirmed, to be true, and deemed to be full Evidence, to prove a Breach of this Act, unless such Certificate shall be contradicted and falsified by the Testimony of Two legal and indifferent Witnesses, upon Oath, or Affirmation.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Commissioners or Trustees, upon every Person so to be appointed, producing or sending to them, a Certificate of such Appointment, and a Testimonial from any one Justice of the Peace, or of Two honest and reputable Persons, of the same County with such Person, that he has honestly executed his Duty, according to the Tenor of this Act, shall pay to every such Person,