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on or before the twenty-first day of *July* next, meet at their respective court houses, when and there nominate and choose in each of the parishes in the said counties respectively, where any inspection house hath heretofore been established, two or four reputable persons in each parish, as the case may require, well skilled in the quality of tobacco, without having regard to the residence of the person, for inspectors as aforesaid, the first of which so nominated, to be inspector or inspectors of tobacco at the inspection house to which he or they were chosen, for the present year, who shall, before he or they proceed to act as inspector or inspectors, be first duly qualified before some justice of the county, by taking, repeating, and subscribing the oath of fidelity to this state, and the oath of office, or affirmation, and also give bond with security, payable to this state, in the sum of forty-eight thousand pounds of tobacco, which qualification and bond shall be recorded in the county records where such bond may be taken; and in case of death or refusal, the second person, or the third and fourth persons, as the case may be, in the appointment, may serve the remainder of the year aforesaid, he or they being first duly qualified, and giving bond as aforesaid, and every inspector so qualified, shall give due attendance at the respective inspection houses, to receive, inspect, and deliver out all tobaccos that may be brought to such houses to which he may be appointed, from the twenty-first day of *July* next, and on the days in every week required, until the tenth day of *April* next, and also make out and give promissory notes for all tobaccos so inspected, and in every other respect shall perform the duty of an inspector as by the act entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs, heretofore directed, which inspector or inspectors shall be paid agreeable to a resolve of convention passed in *September* seventeen hundred and seventy six, as well for the rent of the inspection house, as for his or their trouble, which rent shall be paid as usual by the inspector or inspectors to the owner of such inspection house.

III. And, whereas the weights and scales may want repairing before they can be used by the inspectors,

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IV. Be it enacted, That some one of the justices of the county shall, when thereto required by any inspector, attend at the inspection house where such inspector may be appointed, on some day in *July* next, and there see that the weights are all made good and just weights, agreeable to the standard of the county, who shall give a certificate thereof to the inspector, to be kept by him for his justification, all which expences thereon shall be paid as by the said act is directed.

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A supplement to the acts for assessment of property.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is great danger of inequality in the assessment of property from the different constructions put on the laws relative to that subject by the commissioners and assessors in the several counties of this state; for remedy whereof

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several commissioners shall, and they are hereby required to make return