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appear before them, and at their appearance the said commissioners shall openly read or cause to be read this act, and shall inform and instruct them in what manner they ought to make their assessment, in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to proceed in the execution of this act, according to the true meaning thereof; and the said commissioners shall also appoint a certain day and place, not less than six nor more than eight weeks next after such meeting, with directions to the said assessors for them to appear before them and bring in their assessments in writing.

Assessor to value all property in his hundred, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That every assessor shall inform himself by all lawful ways and means of the names and surnames of every person residing in the hundred of which he is appointed an assessor, and of all the real and personal property (real or personal property belonging to the United States, to this state, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the family for the year, and wearing apparel, only excepted) within his hundred, and shall immediately on such information proceed to value such real and personal property, and to assess for every hundred pounds worth of property, real or personal, except as aforesaid, within his hundred, rated agreeable to the directions of the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property, the sum of twenty-five shillings for that year, and after that rate for every greater or lesser sum. And each assessor shall bring with him, at the time and to the place appointed by the commissioners for his appearance, a certificate in writing of the value of all real and personal property in his hundred, and of his assessment thereon, together with an alphabetical list of the names of the lands, and of the names and surnames of all persons residing, and of the owners of all the real and personal property therein.

Lands S. and W. of the lines run, &c. to be laid off in hundreds, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the land on the south and west sides of the lines, lately run by commissioners under the decree, order, or commission of the high court of chancery of England, and by resolve of convention of the third of July last, accepted and taken within the jurisdiction of this state, and annexed to the counties adjoining thereto, shall, if not already done, be by the justices of the said counties laid off in one or more hundreds of their respective counties, or annexed to any hundred adjoining thereto; and the commissioners of such county shall appoint an assessor for such hundred or hundreds, and the same pound rate shall be assessed and imposed on all real and personal property therein, as herein before is directed, as to such property in any hundred of this state; but no assessor shall assess any pauper whose property he shall not value at thirty pounds current money, but shall return in his certificate the names of all such persons.

Penalty on assessors for neglect of duty, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That if any assessor, nominated or appointed by virtue of this act, shall make default at the time appointed for his appearance, or on his appearance shall refuse to serve, not having, in the judgment of the commissioners, a lawful excuse, or shall neglect to return certificates of his said assessment to the commissioners as aforesaid, at the time and place appointed, such assessor shall, for every such neglect, refusal, or default, forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds current money; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered,