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VII.

pective counties, on the eighteenth day of March next, and as often after as shall be necessary, and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, may appoint a clerk, who shall be paid thirty shillings per day for his service, and shall, by warrant under their hands and seals, appoint one able, discreet, and skilful inhabitant in each hundred of their counties, having in the county real or personal property above the value of five hundred pounds current money, to be assessor of the pound rate by this act imposed; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book, to be kept by them for that purpose, the name of the person nominated assessor in each hundred within their respective counties, and shall immediately after such nomination appoint a certain day and place, not exceeding ten days thereafter, (of which five days notice shall be given by the said commissioners to each assessor) for the said assessors to 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 eight nor more than ten weeks 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 or 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 this act, 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 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 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;