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VII.

Penalty on assessors for neglect of duty, &amp;c.

XV. **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 authorised and empowered, by warrant under their hands and seals, to appoint an assessor in the room of the assessor so refusing or making default, and every assessor so appointed, shall be liable to the same penalty for every neglect, refusal, or default, as aforesaid; and if any assessor shall happen to die before he shall have fully completed his assessment, the said commissioners may, by warrant under their hands and seals, nominate an assessor, in the room of the assessor so dying.

Oath of commissioner.

XVI. **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 dunker, 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 an act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, 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."

Oath of assessor.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That every assessor shall, before he takes upon him the execution of his office, take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm, that I will well and truly execute the duty of an assessor, and will faithfully, justly, and impartially, assess the pound rate imposed by the act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, according to the rates settled in the said act, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; and therein I will spare no person for favour or affection, nor any person grieve for hatred, malice, or ill-will." Which oath, or affirmation, any one of the commissioners of his county may administer.

Persons to give an account of their ready money, &amp;c.

XVIII. **And be it enacted,** That every person shall be called upon by the assessor of the hundred where he shall reside, to give a full account on oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, (which oath or affirmation the assessor is hereby empowered to administer) of the weight of all plate, and the sum or sums of all ready money, either in his own possession, or in the care of any person in trust for him, under the penalty of double the value of the money or plate concealed; and in case any person being so called upon by the assessor, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to give such account of money and plate, he or she shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds currency on every hundred pounds worth of property he or she shall be assessed to, and so pro rata for every neglect or refusal.

XIX. **And**