

C H A P.
VII.Collectors to
enter into
bond, &c.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That before the said collectors shall execute any part of the duty under this act, they shall each of them, under the penalty of five hundred pounds, enter into bond, before two justices of the peace of their respective counties, or one judge of the general court, with good and sufficient securities, such as the said two justices or judge shall approve, in double the sum to be collected, with condition, "That if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several duties required of him by the act of assembly, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and shall well and truly pay, to the treasurer of his shore, the several sums of money which he shall receive and be answerable for in virtue of the same act, at such time as by the said act is directed, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue." And the said two justices of the peace, or judge, shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court, who shall record the same with the endorsement thereon, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, and after entry thereof upon record, the said clerk shall deliver the original bond to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept in the chancery office, and an attested copy of the said bond and probate from the said records, shall be as good evidence in law to maintain an action of debt for the breach of the condition thereof, as if the said bond or bonds were actually produced and proved in court.

Collectors to
lay before the
commissioners
an account of
their collec-
tions, &c.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That each of the said collectors shall appear at the place of holding the county court for his county, at some time between the first and tenth day of December then next, to be fixed by the said commissioners, and then and there lay before the commissioners for his county, a fair, clear, and regular account of his collection of the pound rate imposed by this act, under the penalty of five hundred pounds current money; and the said commissioners shall appear at the same time and place, under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money on each commissioner not appearing, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and they shall immediately proceed with the collector to settle and adjust his said account, and shall upon such settlement allow to the said collector a commission of four per cent. on the whole by him collected, or for which they shall judge him to be answerable, and shall not allow him any deductions of any part of the said sums mentioned in the said certificates of assessment, except in such case where it shall be made appear to them that he has used all lawful ways and means for the levying and collecting the same; a certificate under their hands and seals of the balance of which account, so settled and adjusted, the said commissioners shall, on or before the fifteenth day of December then next, enclose and endorse for the public service, and deliver to the sheriff of their respective counties, to be by them forwarded as public letters to the treasurer of his shore.

Certificates of
assessment, &c.
to be lodged
with the coun-
ty clerks, &c.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That all the certificates of assessment which shall by the said assessors be delivered to the said commissioners,