

C H A P.
XXXV.

Robert Postlewait, William Douglass, and David Woolford; for Washington county, Messieurs Joseph Chapline, Charles Swearingen, Thomas Belt, Henry Schnebely, and Andrew Bruce; for Montgomery county, Messieurs John Murdock, Richard Brook, Samuel Thomas, 3d, Lawrence O'Neal, and Richard Thompson.

Commission-
ers to appoint
a clerk and
assessors, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall meet together, at the place where the county court is usually held in their respective counties, on Monday the seventeenth day of January 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 seven pounds ten shillings per day for his service, and shall, by warrant under their hands, 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 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 seven days thereafter (of which three 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 four nor more than five 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 va-
lue all proper-
ty in his hun-
dred, &c.

IX. 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 (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 this act, the sum of five pounds, 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.

Value of lands
to be ascer-
tained, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That the value of land shall be ascertained in the several counties, and the highest and lowest prices shall be fixed for the best and worst lands in each county respectively, over or under which the several assessors shall not go in valuing the same, leaving the
lands