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ised and empowered, by warrant under their hands, 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, nominate an assessor, in the room of the assessor so dying.

Oath of com-
missioners.

XVII. **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 for the assessment of property within this state, 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.

XVIII. **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 rate imposed by the act, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, 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.

XIX. **And,** For the more equal assessment of all those who may have ready money or plate,

Persons to
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ney, &c.

XX. **Be it enacted,** That every person shall be called upon by the assessor of the hundred where he or she shall reside, on or before the twenty-fifth day of February next, to give a full account on oath, or affirmation, if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, (which oath or affirmation the assessor is hereby empowered and directed to administer) of the weight of all plate, and the sum or sums of all ready money, and of what species of money, that was either in his or her own possession, or in the care of any person in trust for him or her, on the first day of February, at seven o'clock in the morning of that day, under the penalty of treble the value of the money or plate concealed. And in case any person, being so called upon by the assessor, shall refuse or neglect to give such account of money or plate, he or she shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty thousand pounds, at the discretion of the court where such penalty may be sued for. 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 quantity of plate, and of the sum and kind of ready money, whether gold, silver, or paper, each person in his district may have, and shall deliver the same to the commissioners, or such of them as may attend, who are hereby