

of fidelity to this state, directed by the constitution, and the oath or affirmation prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism; which oaths or affirmations any one of the said commissioners, or any justice of the peace, may administer.

C R A P.
IV.

LXXII. And be it enacted, That if any of the days appointed by this act for the performance of any of the duties hereby required shall happen to be a Sunday, then such duties shall be performed on the day following.

Days appointed happening on Sunday, duty to be performed next day, &c.

LXXIII. And be it enacted, That if any suit shall be brought against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this act, the suit shall be commenced within six months after the fact committed, and the defendant in any suit may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any such suit shall be brought after the time limited, then the jury shall find for the defendant; and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or upon demurrer judgment shall be given, against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant hath for costs of suit in other cases at law.

Suits to be commenced within six months, &c.

LXXIV. And be it enacted, That the holder of any certificate for money borrowed by the public, or for allowances on the journal to public creditors, under the faith of the legislature of this state, that the same, or the interest thereof, should be discounted for taxes, may, if he requests the same, have his tax imposed by this act discounted according to the engagement of the public, rating the money due for principal or interest discounted according to the value of the money when the certificate was given, such value to be ascertained by the scale of depreciation settled by the act to adjust the debts due from this state; and the holder of any certificate for grain, flour, or other provisions, purchased or taken, or for vessels or carriages hired or impressed, or houses rented, under any act of assembly of this state, promising that the value or price should be discounted in payment of public taxes, may produce his certificate to the commissioners of the tax for his county, and the commissioners are to adjudge and endorse on the certificate the value of the freight, hire, or rent aforesaid, or the market price in their county of the grain, flour, or other provisions, mentioned therein, in current money, at the time the same was delivered or taken; and the holder of such certificate may have a discount of his tax imposed by this act not exceeding the sum due thereon, according to the value ascertained by the endorsement, and the collector shall endorse such discount, and the date when made, on such certificate, and shall thereto subscribe his name.

Holders of certificates may have them discounted, &c.

LXXV. Whereas divers frauds and abuses have been committed by collectors, by buying up at discount certificates allowed by law to be paid in discharge of the public assessment, and paying them in to the public treasury instead of the money received from the people:

LXXVI. Be