

Samuel Thomas, 3d, Richard Wootton, William Holmes, and Thomas Cramphin. C H A P. XVII.

V. **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, masonist 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 this act, 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." Their oath.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That every commissioner, who shall take upon himself the execution of this act, shall, during the time he shall act as commissioner, be exempt from all military duty. Exempt from military duty.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person appointed commissioner of the tax shall refuse to serve, not having a reasonable excuse in the judgment of the county court of his county, he shall for such refusal forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds current money. Penalty on refusing to serve, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any one or two of the commissioners for any of the counties aforesaid shall die, refuse, or be rendered incapable to act, a majority of the remaining commissioners may appoint some other in the place of the person or persons who shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act; and if any three or more of the said commissioners shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint some person or persons in his or their place, so as to make up the number of three commissioners, and they shall fill up the remaining vacancies in manner aforesaid. How vacancies are to be filled up, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioners of the tax shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday in February next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and as often after as shall be necessary; and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, shall appoint a clerk, who shall be and is hereby required, in case he has no reasonable excuse, to act as such for the ensuing year, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money. And the said commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to call before them the clerks of the several counties respectively, or any other person or persons who may have possession of the assessors returns, and list made out by the commissioners of the tax for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and such person or persons, when called upon, is hereby required to deliver up all such returns, also the list aforesaid, and all other papers thereunto relating, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money; and the said commissioners shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to take the said returns of property, and list made out by the commissioners, for their ground and foundation, and shall proceed to rate all the inhabitants of their several counties, for their real and personal property, on the same scale, and on the same principles, that were laid down and ascertained in the act for raising the Duty of commissioners.