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XVII.

on such notice, shall enquire after and may arrest such person, and carry him before some justice, who shall commit him to the gaol of his county, there to remain till payment of thirty shillings current money, and the costs of imprisonment.

What persons
are deemed
paupers, &c.

XXXVI. **And**, To ascertain what persons shall be deemed paupers, and not liable to pay any assessment for the support of government, **Be it enacted and declared**, That all persons, (not included in the above description) whose property shall not be valued above ten pounds current money, shall be and are hereby declared paupers, and shall not be chargeable with any tax to the support of government.

Collectors
fees, &c.

XXXVII. **And be it enacted**, That if any collector shall be obliged to enforce the collection of the assessment by distress and sale, or by execution of the person, he shall receive the same fees as the sheriff is entitled to by law for the like service, payable in current money.

Debtors may
deduct inter-
est, &c.

XXXVIII. **And be it enacted**, That from all interest of money or tobacco which shall become due between the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-five, if paid at the time it becomes due, or within one month thereafter, the debtor may deduct one twelfth part of the said interest, any agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, and any contract hereafter made to the contrary shall be void in law; and if any creditor shall refuse to allow such deduction, he shall forfeit treble the sum of money or quantity of tobacco by him so refused to be deducted, to the use of such debtor, and such debtor may recover the forfeiture on warrant before a justice of the peace, if the sum does not exceed his jurisdiction, and if it does, by action at law, as for money or tobacco received to his use.

Commission-
ers, &c. to
take the oath
of fidelity, &c.

XXXIX. **And be it enacted**, That if any person appointed a commissioner, or to any office in virtue of this act, hath not heretofore taken the oaths (or if a quaker, menonist or dunker, the affirmations) of fidelity and support to this state, such person shall, before he acts as such, take the oaths directed by this act, subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and take the oath (or if a quaker, menonist or dunker, the affirmation) 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.

Duties not to
be performed
on Sundays,
&c.

XL. **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.

Suits to be
commenced
within six
months, &c.

XLI. **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
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