

C H A P.
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and Jacob Norris; for Caroline county, Messieurs Robert Postlewaite, Philemon Downes, Matthew Driver, Philip Walker, and Thomas Mason; for Washington county, Messieurs Charles Swearingen, Alexander Clagett, Denton Jacques, William Good, and Martin Karshner; for Montgomery county, Messieurs Richard Brooke, Samuel Thomas the third, Richard Wootton, William Holmes, and Allen Bowie.

Their oath.

V. **And be it enacted,** That every commissioner appointed (or to be pointed) in virtue of this act, shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath (or affirmation) 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."

Exempt from
military duty.

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

Penalty on
refusing to
serve.

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.

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

VIII. **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 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 affirmation, (as the case may be) 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.

IX. **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.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled up, &c.

X. **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 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.

Duty of com-
missioners.

XI. **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 March next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and as often afterwards 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