

CHAP.
XI.
Duty of com-
missioners for
Balt. town.

X. And be it enacted, That the commissioners herein before named and appointed for Baltimore-town and its precincts, or the major part of them, shall meet at some convenient place in the said town to be appointed by them, at the several and respective times herein before mentioned and prescribed for the meetings of the commissioners of the several counties, and the said commissioners for Baltimore-town, or the major part of them, shall then and there execute the several powers and duties committed to, and required of, the commissioners of the several counties by this act, and shall be liable to the same penalties for omission or neglect of duty, as are imposed by this act on the commissioners of the several counties.

Who are to
meet and ap-
point a clerk,
&c.

XI. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax for Baltimore-town and the precincts thereof, shall meet at some convenient place in the said town at the time aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and then and there appoint a clerk, and one or more sensible and active persons, inhabitants of the said town or precincts thereof, and having property therein as aforesaid, to be assessor or assessors of the personal property in the said town and precincts thereof; and the said commissioners shall meet on the tenth day of June next, at such convenient place in the said town as they shall appoint, for hearing and determining appeals, and shall sit ten days thereafter, if necessary, for the purpose aforesaid, and shall hear and determine all such complaints as may be made to them by any person apprehending himself aggrieved by the valuation to be made as aforesaid.

Oath of assess-
ors, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That every assessor shall, before he takes upon him the execution of his office, take the following oath, to wit; "I, A. B. do swear, that I will well and truly execute the duty of an assessor, and will faithfully, justly and impartially, value all personal property which I shall be appointed to value agreeably to the directions of the act for the valuation of personal property within this state, 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. So help me God;" which oath any of the commissioners of the tax, or any justice of the peace, may administer.

Persons to de-
liver an ac-
count of
slaves, &c.

XIII. And, for the discovery of all slaves and their ages, Be it enacted, That every person owning any slave or slaves, or any person having the care and management of such slave or slaves, shall deliver to the assessor of the district in which such slaves live, when required by such assessor, an account of all the slaves owned by him, or under his care and management, with the name and age of each, and such account shall be dated and signed by the person making the same; and the assessor shall view and examine each slave, and diligently enquire into his age, and return the account of the owner or person having the management of such slave, with his determination of the age, to the commissioners of the tax; and if any owner or person having the management of any slave, shall omit to give in any slave, or wilfully lessen or increase his age, such owners, or person having the management of such slave, shall pay double the tax on the real value of such slave.

And all per-
sonal prop-
erty, &c.

XIV. And, for the discovery of all other personal property liable to assessment by this act, Be it enacted, That every person, when required by the assessor of the district in which his personal property or the property under his care and management lies, shall give in to such assessor a full and particular account of all other his personal property in the same district, and of all personal property in his possession, or under his care and management, liable to assessment, and to whom the same belongs; and