

Hooper, Q. S. Richard Patterson, John E. Gift and Levin Woolford ; for Cæcil county, Messieurs John Gilpin, Edward H. Veazey, Hezekiah Ford, George Alexander and John Hartshorn ; for Prince-George's county, Messieurs David Craufurd, Richard Duckett, senior, Clement Hill, Osborn Sprigg and Robert Bowie ; for Queen-Anne's county, Messieurs Aquila Brown, John Brown, Edward Downes, Arthur Emory and Robert Walters ; for Worcester county, Messieurs Thomas Martin, senior, Samuel Handy, Philip Quinten, John Pope Mitchell and Edward Henry ; for Frederick county, Messieurs Joseph Sim, William Murdock Beall, Thomas Hawkins, Nicholas Hobbs and Thomas Beatty ; for Harford county, Messieurs Thomas Johnson, Jesse Jarrett, Ignatius Wheeler, John Western and George Patterson ; for Caroline county, Messieurs Philemon Downes, Robert Postlethwaite, Thomas Mason, Joseph Richardson and Joseph Nicolls ; for Baltimore-town, Messieurs William Goodwin, Thomas Elliott, Nicholas Rogers, William M'Laughlin and Thomas Johnson ; for Washington county, Messieurs Charles Swearingen, Alexander Clagett, William Good, Martin Karshner and Matthew Van Lear ; for Montgomery county, Messieurs Samuel Thomas, 3d, William Holmes, Thomas Fletchall, Henry Griffith and Thomas Cramphin ; for Allegany county, Messieurs Andrew Bruce, Joseph Cresap, John Reid, Alpheus Beall and Patrick Sullivan.

IV. **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, as the case may be, to wit : " I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that as commissioner for _____ county, or Baltimore-town, 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 the act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, and the directions of the act to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, 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.

V. **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 militia duty, or serving on any jury.

Exempt from militia duty, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That if any one of the commissioners aforesaid shall die, refuse, neglect, or be rendered incapable to act, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint some other in the place of the person who shall die, refuse, neglect, or be incapable to act ; and if any three or more of the said commissioners shall die, refuse, neglect, 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 ; and the said commissioners shall continue to act until their powers shall be superseded by some future act of assembly.

How vacancies are to be filled, &c.

VII. **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 twentieth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, 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, and also divide their several counties into districts, of not less than two nor more than ten districts in any one county, and not less than two large or three small hundreds in any one district, according to the population and extent of the county ; and shall appoint, in each district, one sensible and active person, an inhabitant of their county, and having property therein to the value of two hundred pounds current money, to be assessor of the real and personal property in each district ; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of

Duty of commissioners, &c.

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