

XXV. And be it enacted, That the property of each assessor shall be valued by the commissioners of his county, or of the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, or any one of them, on or before the twentieth day of May next, in the same manner as the real and personal property of other persons by this act is directed to be estimated by the assessors.

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Assessors property to be valued, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the several counties shall direct their clerk to enter in a book to be provided for that purpose, an accurate and fair account of all the real and personal property within their county, and the valuation thereof as returned by the assessors, or as corrected by them, with an alphabetical list of the owners or persons chargeable with the assessment of such property.

Clerk to keep a fair account, &c.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the clerk to the commissioners in each county shall, on or before the first Monday of July next. make out from the assessors certificates, and the corrections thereof (if any) by the commissioners, a summary account or list, (in columns,) in which shall be expressed the number of slaves of each description within this act, the weight of plate, and the value of each of the said species or kind of property, and all the other personal property, and the value thereof, in each district, and the whole value in each district extended, and the amount of each column, and shall lay the same before the commissioners, who, after correction thereof, if necessary, shall sign and enclose the same, endorsed for the public service, to the clerk of the house of delegates, and shall, within ten days thereafter, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money on each commissioner, deliver the same to the sheriff of their county, to be by him forwarded as public letters, and under the like penalty, and shall also deliver to the clerk of his county court a duplicate thereof, to be lodged among the records of the said county, in eight days thereafter; and the clerk of the house of delegates shall enter the said summary account in a book to be provided for the purpose, and keep the original in his office, and, on the second day of the next meeting of the general assembly, he shall lay the same before the house of delegates, for the inspection of the members.

And make out a list, &c.

XXVIII. 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.

Duties not to be performed on Sundays.

XXIX. 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 shall 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 if any suit shall be brought after the time limited, then the jury shall find for the defendant; and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or, upon demurrer, judgment shall be given, against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant hath for costs of suit in other cases at law.

Suits to be brought within six months, &c.

XXX. And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, every person who shall or may remove to any county within this state from the county in which his property hath or may have been assessed, or from any other place without this state, and whose personal property hath not or may not have been assessed in the county to which he hath or may remove, every such person shall, and he is hereby directed, when required by the collector of the county, or his deputy, in which his personal property, or the property under his care and management, doth or may lie, to give to such collector, or his deputy, a full and particular account of his personal property in the said county, and of all personal property in his possession, or under his care and management, liable to be assessed, and which before the time of such request shall not have been assessed in the said county, and the name of the person to whom the same belongs, and

Persons removing to give an account, &c.