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person qualified as aforesaid, to be assessor in the room of the assessor so dying or rendered incapable to act; and the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall immediately thereafter send such warrant to the person so nominated assessor.

Commissioners for the city of Baltimore.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed for the city of Baltimore, or the major part of them, shall meet at some convenient place in the said city, to be appointed by them at the several and respective times, herein mentioned and prescribed for the meetings of the commissioners of the several counties; and the said commissioners for the city of Baltimore, or a major part of them, shall then and there execute the like 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 omissions or neglect of duty as are imposed by this act on the commissioners of the several counties.

Oath of assessors.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every assessor shall, before he takes upon himself the execution of his office, take the following oath or affirmation, (as the case may be,) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duty of an assessor, and will faithfully, justly and impartially value all real and personal property which I shall be appointed to value agreeably to the directions of the commissioners, and of the act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this State, according to the best of my skill and knowledge; and therein I will spare no person for favor or affection, or any person grieve for hatred, malice or ill will;" which oath or affirmation any of the commissioners of the tax, or any justice of the peace may administer.

Slaves.

12 AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person owning any lave or slaves, or any person having the care and management of such slave or slaves, shall deliver to the assessors when required, an account of all slaves owned by him or her, or under his or her 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 assessors shall view and examine each slave, and diligently inquire into his or her age if necessary, 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