

and meaning thereof, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue." And the said two justices of the peace, or judge, shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court, who shall record the same with the endorsement thereon, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, and after entry thereof upon record, the said clerk shall deliver the original bond to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept in the chancery office, and an attested copy of the said bond and probate from the said records, shall be as good evidence in law to maintain an action of debt for the breach of the condition thereof, as if the said bond or bonds were actually produced and proved in court.

*And be it enacted,* That each of the said collectors shall appear at the place of holding the county court for his county, at some time between the first and tenth day of December then next to be fixed by the said commissioners, and then and there lay before the commissioners for his county, a fair, clear, and regular account of his collection of the pound rate imposed by this act, under the penalty of five hundred pounds current money; and the said commissioners shall appear at the same time and place, under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money on each commissioner not appearing, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and they shall immediately proceed with the collector to settle and adjust his said account, and shall upon such settlement allow to the said collector a commission of four per cent. on the whole by him collected, or for which they shall judge him to be answerable, and shall