

rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, or hath, by means of the enemy, lost his negroes, had his houses burned, or otherwise greatly distressed, the commissioners of the tax may, in their discretion, direct the collector to suspend the collection of the assessment, on the gross valuation by the assessor of the property taken away or destroyed by the enemy, until the general assembly shall take order thereon; and the commissioners are required to return to the general assembly a list of such suspensions, and the causes and proofs for which the same were made.

*And be it enacted,* That five sensible, discreet and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called commissioners of the tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for each county; provided that no member of the general assembly or the council, clergyman, practising attorney or physician, sheriff, clerk of the general or any county court, ordinary keeper, mariner, or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner or assessor.

*And be it enacted,* That the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, to wit: For Saint Mary's county, Messieurs Ignatius Fenwick, Robert Watts, John De Butts, Jeremiah Jordan, and Robert Chesley; for Kent county, Messieurs James M'Lane, Robert Crookshanks, William Granger, Nathaniel Comegyes, and Oliver Smith; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs John Weems, Charles Wallace, John Brice, William Hall, and Edward Gaiter, junior; for Calvert county, Messieurs Alexander Somerville, Daniel Rawlings, Thomas Blake, Joseph Wilkinson, and Thomas Mackall; for Charles county, Messieurs Josias Hawkins, Richard Barnes, Robert Young, Thomas Harris, and Henry Barnes; for Baltimore county, Messieurs Andrew Buchanan, Archibald