

holds the same, *Be it enacted*, That where the assessor shall know, or be informed and has good reason to believe, that there is surplus land held under the patent or deed, it shall and may be lawful for the assessor, and he is hereby required to call on the person to whom the land is assessed to ascertain the quantity of such land; and the assessor may, in his discretion, for the better ascertaining the quantity thereof, administer an oath (or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) to such person to discover his knowledge or belief to the assessor, touching the quantity of such land; and the party so to be assessed shall, and he is hereby obliged to take such oath or affirmation as aforesaid, and answer thereon as to the quantity of such land to the best of his knowledge and belief, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money for every neglect or refusal; and where any person assessed holds less than the quantity specified in the patent or deed, it shall and may be lawful for the party assessed, to ascertain the quantity by oath or affirmation as aforesaid, or otherwise to prove the same to the satisfaction of the assessor, who shall allow for such deficiency.

*And*, Whereas some of the people called quakers, menonists, or dunkers, are principled against bearing arms in any case, or contributing property for supporting any war, and therefore refuse to give in any account for their property, and this general assembly are willing to make allowance for the real weaknesses of men as far as the public good will permit, *It is hereby provided and enacted*, That where the refusal or neglect of any quaker, menonist, or dunker, to give in his property, shall be returned to the commissioners (if such person hath never before given in an account of property to an assessor) and the commissioners believe that such person is a friend to the present government, and that his refusal or neglect proceeds from