

C H A P.
IV.

Richard Miller; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs Thomas Dorsey, John Weems, Richard Harwood, junior, Thomas Watkins and Charles Wallace; for Calvert county, Messieurs Samuel Hance, Alexander Somerville, Daniel Rawlings, Thomas Blake and Edward Reynolds; for Charles county, Messieurs Josias Hawkins, Richard Barnes, Robert Young, Thomas Harris and Henry Barnes; for Baltimore county, Messieurs Andrew Buchanan, Archibald Buchanan, John Moale, William Spear and James Gittings; for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Howes Goldborough, Samuel Chamberlaine, Peregrine Tilghman and Samuel Thomas; for Somerset county, Messieurs John Adams, Levin Wilson, William Gillis, John Stewart and Gillis Polk; for Dorchester county, Messieurs Robert Harrison, Archibald Patison, Andrew Skinner Egnalls, Henry Hooper, Q. S. and Joseph Egnalls; for Cecil county, Messieurs Thomas Savin, Samuel Gilpin, John Ward, inspector, Samuel Glenn and Jeremiah Baker; for Prince-George's county, Messieurs William Beanes, William Bowie, Nathaniel Magruder, Edward Sprigg and John Cootee; for Queen-Anne's county, Messieurs Aquila Brown, Richard Tilghman, 4th, Thomas Wright, Richard Tilghman Earle and John Brown; for Worcester county, Messieurs Thomas Martin, John Selby, Thomas Purnell, of Thomas, James Martin and William Handy, Indian-town; for Frederick county, Messieurs Upton Sheredine, William Murdock Beall, John Adlum, Roger Johnson and Thomas Hawkins; for Harford county, Messieurs Thomas Johnson, John Rumsey, Francis Holland, William Wilson, junior, and James Bond, of Joshua; for Caroline county, Messieurs Thomas Goldborough, Robert Postlethwaite, Philemon Downes, Matthew Driver and Philip Walker; for Washington county, Messieurs Charles Swearingen, William Good, John Celler, Henry Shryock and David Gillispie; for Montgomery county, John Murdock, Richard Brooke, Samuel Thomas, 3d, Richard Wootton and William Holmes.

Their oath.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner, appointed, (or to be appointed) in virtue of this act, shall, before he acts as such, take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that as commissioner for _____ county, I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the directions of the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, without favour, affection or partiality, and that I will do equal right and justice, according to the best of my knowledge, in every case in which I shall act as commissioner; so help me God."

Commissioners
exempt, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner who shall take upon himself the execution of this act shall, during the time he shall act as commissioner, be exempt from all military duty.

Penalty for re-
fusing to serve,
&c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person appointed commissioner of the tax shall refuse to serve, not having a reasonable excuse in the judgment of the county court of his county, he shall for such refusal forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds current money.

How vacancies
are to be filled.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any two of the persons appointed commissioners for any of the counties aforesaid shall die, refuse, or be rendered incapable to act, a majority of the remaining commissioners may appoint some other in the place of the person who shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act; and if any three or more of the said commissioners shall die, refuse, or be incapable to act, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint some person or persons in his or their place, so as to make up the number of three commissioners, and they shall fill up the remaining vacancies in manner aforesaid.

Duty of com-
missioners.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of the tax shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday in February, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and as often after as shall be necessary; and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, shall appoint a clerk, and also (by warrant under their hands) one discreet and skilful inhabitant of each hundred of their counties, (having in the county property above the value of two hundred pounds current money,) to be assessor in the same hundred; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of the person appointed assessor in each hundred; and shall immediately after such choice appoint a place and day, not exceeding ten days thereafter, (of which five days notice shall be given by some one of the said commissioners to each assessor,) for the said assessors to appear before them, and at their appearance the said commissioners shall openly read, or cause to be read, such parts of this act as relate to the duty of assessors, and shall advise and direct them in what manner to make their assessment, and in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to perform the several duties required of them by this act, according to the true meaning thereof; and the said commissioners shall also appoint a place and day, between the first and twentieth day of March next, for the

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