

William Hall and Edward Gaither, junior, for Calvert county, Messieurs Alexander Somerville, Daniel Rawlings, Thomas Blake, Joseph Wilkinson and Thomas Mackall, for Charles county, Messieurs Josiah Hawkins, Richard Barnes, Robert Young, Thomas Harris and Henry Barnes, for Baltimore county, Messieurs Andrew Buchanan, Archibald Buchanan, John Moale, William Spear and James Gitting, for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Howes Goldsborough, Samuel Chamberlain, Peregrine Tilghman and Henry Banning, for Somerset county, Messieurs John Adams, William Gillis, David Willson, John Winder and William Winder, junior, for Dorchester county, Messieurs Robert Harrison, Henry Hooper, Q. S., Joseph Ennals, John Goldsborough and James Sulivane, for Cecil county, Messieurs Samuel Gilpin, John Ward, Jeremiah Baker, Stephen Hyland and William Matthews, for Prince-George's county, Messieurs William Beanes, William Bowic, Nathaniel Magruder, Edward Sprigg and John Contee, for Queen Anne's county, Messieurs Aquila Brown, Richard Tilghman, the fourth, Thomas Wright, Richard Tilghman Earle and John Brown, for Worcester county, Messieurs Thomas Martin, John Selby, Thomas Purnell, of Thomas, William Handy, Indian town, and Samuel Handy, for Frederick county, Messieurs Upton Sheredine, William Murdock Beall, John Adlum, Roger Johnson and Thomas Hawkins, for Harford county, Messieurs Thomas Johnson, John Rumsey, William Wilcox, James Bond, of Joshua, and Abraham Whittaker, for Caroline county, Messieurs Robert Postlethwaite, Philemon Downes, Matthew Driver, Philip Walker and Henry Downes, for Washington county, Messieurs Charles Swearingen, William Good, Joseph Chapline, Alexander Clagett and Thomas Hart, for Montgomery county, Messieurs Richard Brooke, Samuel Thomas, the third, Richard Wootton, William Holmes, and Thomas Cramphin.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioner, appointed (or to be appointed) in virtue of this act, shall, before he act 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-three, 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." Their oath.

VII. 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. Commissioners exempt, &c.

VIII. 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. Penalty for refusing to serve, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any one or two of the 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. How vacancies are to be filled.

X. 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 second Monday in January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, 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 divide their several counties into districts of not less than three, nor more than ten districts in any one county, and not less than two large, or three small hundreds in any one district, according to the population and extent of the county, and shall appoint in each district one sensible and active person, an inhabitant of their county, and having property therein to the value of five hundred pounds current money, to be assessor of the property in each district; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of the person appointed assessor in each district, 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 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 relates to their duty, and shall advise them in what manner to make their assessments, and in what form to return their certificates there- Duty of commissioners.