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XXI.

authorities given by the act imposing the said assessment, be and are hereby revived and continued so far as is necessary to finish and complete the duties required by the said act of the commissioners, or other officers therein mentioned, and that the said powers and authorities be exercised with all convenient dispatch, before the expiration of this act.

Collectors to
pay certifi-
cates, &c. re-
ceived, &c.

II. **And**, whereas fundry certificates and sums of money have already been, and may be collected on the said public assessment, **It is hereby enacted**, That the collectors of the said public assessment shall, on or before the tenth day of February next, pay into the public treasury all such certificates and sums of money as he or they shall have received, on or before the said time, on account of the said public assessment; and that every collector shall, at the time of making such payment, make oath before the treasurer, or his deputy, of the respective shores where such certificates or money shall be paid as aforesaid, which oath the said treasurers or deputy respectively are hereby authorized to administer, that the said certificates and money so by him paid, are the whole of the collection by him received in virtue of the said act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and that the certificates offered to be so paid, were *bonâ fide* received from, or discounted with, the persons liable to pay the said assessment on account of the same, and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such collector, or by any other person for him; and that no collector shall have a credit for any certificates suggested to be received on account of the said assessment, unless such collector shall return two lists of all the said certificates for which he shall request a credit, with their numbers, dates and sums, and the names of the persons from whom received, and make oath, (to be administered by either of the treasurers or deputy) to be endorsed on said list, that the certificates mentioned in such list, and requested to be allowed such collector, were received on account of said public assessment, actually, really and truly, and without any deceit or fraud, in payment of the assessment due on the property in his county for the said public assessment, and from the persons named in such list, except only change, if any given on the receipt of the said certificates, in which case he gave certificates in change as far as in his power, and money only for the balance, and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them by such collector, or by any other person for him; and in case any collector shall refuse or neglect to make such payment on or before the said tenth day of February next, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds current money.

If paid, suits
to be sus-
pended, &c.

III. **And it is hereby further enacted**, If the money and certificates received by the collectors are paid into the treasury by the tenth day of February as aforesaid, that the public bonds of such collectors shall be, and are hereby suspended from being put in suit until the first day of June next ensuing the passing this act.

Treasurers to
make inquiry,
&c.

IV. **And be it enacted**, That it shall be the duty of the treasurers of the respective shores, to make diligent inquiry upon their respective shores, whether the money and certificates collected are paid into the treasuries agreeably to this act, and if it appears to either of them, that any collector of their respective shores hath received money or certificates which shall not be paid into the treasury by the said tenth day of February next, then the bond of such collector shall be ordered to be put in suit.

Collectors to
give change
in certificates,
&c.

V. **And be it enacted**, That in the collection of the tax aforesaid, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the respective collectors, to give certificates in change, if they have them, to those who may offer such certificates as are receivable in payment of the said tax for larger sums than the tax due by the persons offering such certificates.

Money not to
be given, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That money shall not be given by any collector in change for any certificate, above five *per cent.* on the tax payable in certificates by the person who may offer such certificates.

VII. **And**,