

sheriff, and the other sheriffs in the line of direction to the owner, shall forward the same.

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XII. And be it enacted, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be authorized and requested to appoint three of the most proper men in the respective counties, and in Baltimore-town and its precincts; to be a court to hear and determine appeals from the valuations made by the commissioners in the respective counties, and in the said town, and to issue a commission to the persons so appointed, signed by the governor, and with the seal of the state annexed, authorizing them, or any two of them, to hear and determine all appeals to them made, according to this act, from the valuations of the commissioners; and the persons so appointed shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of the said commission, qualify, by taking the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before some justice of the county, to wit, "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly or sincerely affirm, that I will hear, examine, and according to the best of my judgment, justly determine, all appeals which may be made to me as a judge of the court of appeals from valuations made by the commissioners of ——— county, or Baltimore-town and its precincts," (as the case may be) and thereupon the persons so appointed, commissioned and qualified, shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all appeals made to them agreeably to this act; and shall have power and authority to summon such persons as they may think proper to attend them, upon hearing any appeal, and also to take all such measures as to them shall appear just and expedient to gain true and perfect information upon the subjects of their inquiry; and the clerks of the commissioners shall be clerks of the said courts respectively, and shall attend the same, and the said courts for the several counties shall sit at the usual places of holding the county courts of their counties respectively, on such days as shall be by them appointed, agreeably to the directions of this act; and the said court for Baltimore-town shall sit at such convenient place therein as they shall appoint, on the days by them to be appointed as aforesaid.

Governor to appoint a court of appeals, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That any person may appeal from the valuation of his land, or other real property, made by the commissioners, to the said court of appeals, within twenty days after the last time appointed by the commissioners of the county for attending to shew the valuations by them made as aforesaid, and upon such appeal being made within the time aforesaid, the said court of appeals shall, within twenty days thereafter, hear and determine the same; and upon such hearing the court may confirm the valuation made by the commissioners, or may make such abatement therein as they may think just, and their determination shall be entered in a book to be kept for entering and recording their proceedings, and shall be certified by the clerk to the commissioners, who shall conform to the determination of the said court, and the party so appealing shall be concluded by such determination.

Persons may appeal, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That witnesses attending the said court of appeals in consequence of summon for them, shall be allowed five shillings per day for every day's attendance; and each judge of the aforesaid court of appeals shall be allowed ten shillings per day for every day's attendance in the execution of his trust; and the clerk of the court of appeals aforesaid, shall be allowed such sum for his services, not exceeding ten pounds current money, as the said court shall determine to be just; for which allowances to the judges and clerk of the court of appeals, the commissioners shall give an order on the collector, and the same shall be by him paid out of the money levied in the county, and the party appealing shall pay the witnesses, and also all the costs attending his appeal.

Allowance to witnesses, &c.

XV. And