

Court of each county, and of the Superior Court of the city of Baltimore respectively, for the faithful performance of his duties as such Commissioner, and subscribe to the following oath before the said Comptroller, viz: I, — do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Commissioner of slave statistics to the best of my judgment and ability, according to the laws of the State of Maryland, so help me God. And any vacancy occurring by the death, resignation or other cause, of any of the Commissioners so appointed, after the adjournment of the Legislature, shall be filled by the Governor of the State.

Oath to be taken.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners so appointed shall procure suitable printed blank forms or tabular statements, which when properly filled up or made according to the provisions of this Act, shall exhibit the names of the former owners of slaves in their respective counties or districts at the time of the adoption of the Constitution in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the names, number, age, sex and physical condition of such slaves, whether they were slaves for life or for a term of years, and how many years, whether they have been enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States so far as is known to said owners or others, and into what regiments they were placed, and what compensation, if any, has been received from the State or General Government by such owner or owners for such slaves so enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States.

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Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said Commissioners shall visit each election district in their respective counties of which full notice shall be given, both in the public newspapers and by printed handbills, and in Baltimore city shall open an office and give notice of the same as aforesaid, and after giving such notice for at least ten days, shall proceed to take the evidence of the former ownership of slaves in this State according to the intent and provisions of this Act, and the testimony in all cases shall be the sworn statement of the former owner or owners, or his or her or their legal

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