

IV. And inasmuch as the duties hereby
 2 imposed are chiefly *ad valorem* duties, and
 it is expedient to make such provisions for
 4 the valuation of goods subject to the same,
 as may protect the revenue and the fair
 6 trader against fraud by the undervaluation
 of any such goods;—Be it therefore enacted,
 8 That it shall be lawful for the Governor of
 this Province, from time to time, and when
 10 he shall deem it expedient, to appoint fit
 and proper persons to be Appraisers of
 12 Goods, Wares and Merchandize, and to act
 as such respectively, at such Ports of entry
 14 and places as shall be designated by the
 Governor; and each such Appraiser shall,
 16 before he shall act as such, take and sub-
 scribe the following oath of office before
 18 some Justice of the Peace having jurisdic-
 tion where the oath is taken, and shall de-
 20 liver the same to the Collector at the Port
 or place, or at one of the Ports or places
 22 where he shall be appointed to act:

Recital.

Appraisers to
be appointed.They shall
take any oath
of office.

“ I, A. B., having been appointed an Ap-
 24 “ praiser of Goods, Wares and Merchandize,
 “ and to act as such at the Port of
 26 “ (*or, as the case may be*), do solemnly swear
 “ that I will faithfully perform the duties of
 28 “ the said office, without partiality, fear,
 “ favor or affection, and that I will appraise
 30 “ the value of all Goods, Wares and Mer-
 “ chandize submitted to my appraisement,
 32 “ according to the true intent and meaning
 “ of the laws imposing duties of Customs in
 34 “ this Province, and that I will use my best
 “ endeavours to prevent all fraud, subter-
 36 “ fuge or evasion of the said laws, and more
 “ especially to detect, expose and frustrate
 38 “ all attempts to undervalue any Goods,
 “ Wares or Merchandize on which any duty
 40 “ is chargeable: So help me God.”

The oath.

A. B.

Appraiser for
(as the case may be).

“ Sworn before me, this day
 “ of 18 ”

E. F.

J. P. for (*as the case may be*),