

the Rate and Assessment aforesaid, in every such Town or District respectively, and to the End, that all and every Inhabitant, living within such Town or District, may attend before the said Commissioners or Assessors, at such Time and Place as they may appoint, to represent and state to such Commissioners or Assessors, his or their Estate, Circumstances and Ability, to bear and pay such Rate and assessment, as the Commissioners aforesaid may judge proper to lay and impose upon all and every such Inhabitant.

IV. *And be it also further Enacted*, That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, may give full Power and Authority to any Commissioners or Assessors of any Township within this Province, to rate and assess the Inhabitants of any District, not within, but living near, adjoining to any Township, for which they may be appointed.

Governor, &c. to give Power to Commissioners to assess Persons near to Township for which they are appointed.

V. *And be it Enacted*, That all and every Commissioner or Assessor so to be nominated and appointed, shall before his or their making any Rate or Assessment, by Virtue of this Law, take and subscribe, before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the following Oath,

“ I ——— Do solemnly swear, that I will without Favor,  
 “ or Affection, Hatred or Malice, truly and impartially to  
 “ the best of my Skill and Knowledge, rate and assess, all and  
 “ every Inhabitant of the Township or District of ———  
 “ agreeable to an Act, made in the Sixteenth Year of His present  
 “ Majesty's Reign, intituled, *an Act for raising a Tax on the In-*  
 “ *habitants of this Province, for defraying the Expence of main-*  
 “ *taining and supporting the Militia of the said Province, and for*  
 “ *the Defence of the same.*”

Oath to be taken by the Commissioners.

VI. *And be it Enacted*, That every Commissioner or Assessor so to be appointed, shall according to the best of his Knowledge and Skill, rate and assess, all and every such Inhabitant of each respective Township or District as aforesaid, according to his or their Circumstances and Abilities, to bear and pay such Rate and Assessment, which Rate shall be paid by each and every Person so to be rated and assessed, at such Times, and in such Proportions, within twelve Months from the Publication of this Act, as may be by the Commissioners aforesaid, judged the least burthenome to the respective Persons, so to be Rated and Assessed, and as may facilitate and be the most conducive to the Support of such Part of the Militia of this Province, as may be judged necessary to be embodied in Defence of the same.

Commissioners to rate the Inhabitants according to their Circumstances.

and to be paid at Times least burthenome to them, within twelve Months, and so as may be most conducive to the end proposed.

VII. *And*