

C H A P. XLIII. shall have full power and authority, whenever it may be necessary, to require of the owner or owners thereof, in their respective counties, as many male slaves, most convenient to the roads to be repaired, as may be necessary to work on the same, not exceeding one half of the said slaves belonging to any person on any one day, nor shall any person be compelled to render more service in any one year than his or her road taxes may amount to.

Penalty for not furnishing, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That for every slave so required by the supervisor and not furnished, the owner thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings, to be recovered by the supervisors in the said counties respectively as in case of small debts, and when received shall be accounted for on oath, and paid to the levy court of the respective counties annually, to be applied to repairing the public roads in their county.

Roads established, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the road leading from the post-road in the said county of Queen-Anne's, near Church-hill, to the public warehouse on the south-east branch called Tippings's warehouse, and the road from the post-road at Centre-Ville to the public warehouse called Corsica warehouse, on the head of Corsica creek, be and they are hereby established as public roads of said county, and any person erecting a nuisance on them, or either of them, or in any manner obstructing the same, shall be subject to the same penalty as persons are subject to for the like offence committed on any other public road.

Part of an act repealed, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That so much of the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, as directs the collectors of the several counties to deliver to each taxable person an account of his road tax, be and the same is hereby repealed, except so far as relates to Prince-George's, Caroline and Montgomery counties.

One supervisor to be appointed, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the justices for Prince-George's county shall appoint at least one supervisor over every hundred to which there was, before the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, an overseer, and every supervisor shall receive, as a compensation for each day he may attend on the public roads agreeable to law, such sum as the justices may think sufficient, not exceeding ten shillings, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Road to be kept up, &c.

XVI. And, whereas the provisions of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, extend to the county of Somerset, but do not extend to the county of Worcester, and it is thereby rendered uncertain in what manner the road that divides the said counties ought to be kept up and repaired; for ascertaining whereof, **Be it enacted,** That the said road from the line of Delaware on the north to the middle of the north branch of Tondotank creek, where it crosses the same, shall be kept up and repaired by the county of Somerset as other public roads of said county are, and from the middle of said branch the said road southerly to the extent thereof shall be kept up and repaired by the county of Worcester as other public roads of said county are.

C H A P. XLIV.

Passed December 24.

An ACT to open a road from George-town to a bridge to be erected over the river Patowmack at or near the little falls.

Preamble.

A PETITION has been preferred to this general assembly by John Templeman, James M. Lingan and Thomas Clark, directors of the George-town bridge company, praying that an act may pass, authorising the said company to open a road, not exceeding sixty feet in width, from George-town to a bridge to be erected over the river Patowmack at or near the little falls;

Commissioners appointed, &c.

H. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid John Templeman, James M. Lingan and Thomas Clark, be and they are hereby