

Liber R. G. And be it Enacted that after the said roads shall be finished
¹⁷⁷⁴ as aforesaid they shall be and are hereby declared Public Roads
 [Roads when finished to be public Roads.] and no Waggon or other Carriage of Burthen the Tread of each of
 [No Carriage of Burthen, where the Tread of each Wheel doth not exceed Five Inches, to be drawn on any Part of the Road leading from *Watts's* Branch to the Northward of the Posts, under Penalty, &c.] the Wheels whereof doth not exceed five Inches shall under any pretence whatsoever be drawn upon any of that part of the said Road leading from *Watts's* Branch which Shall lie to the Northward of the Posts afforesaid unless barely and necessarily to cross the same under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings Current Money for every Offence to be levied by distress to be made of any one of the Cattle used for drawing the said Waggon or other Carriage within Twenty ffour hours after the Offence Committed by any free-holder within the County where the Offence shall be committed who will distrain for the same by his own use and sale of such Beast at any time not less than three or more than seven days after such distress made and if any Person shall be Beat or Assaulted for making or attempting to make any such distress or assisting to do the same the offence for which distress may be made having been Actually Committed every person being guilty of such beating or assault shall be liable to the Action of the Party beaten or Assaulted in which shall be recovered if the same Shall be brought in Debt on this Act Twenty pounds Current Money besides such Damages as shall be assessed by the Jury who shall try the same with full costs to and for the use of the Party beaten or assaulted

[Overseer of the Roads and Taxables in the several Hundreds of *Anne-Arundel & Frederick* Counties, to use their Endeavours for the Repair of said Roads, & shall be chargeable to work thereon not exceeding 6 Days in any one Year.] And Whereas the other Public Roads in the said Counties of Ann Arundel and Frederick are very much out of order and in the Present Method of amending and repairing them the Burthen of the little Labour performed thereon falls very unequally on the People for remedy whereof and also to provide for keeping the Public Roads in the said Counties in repair Be it enacted that the overseer of the Public Roads together with the Taxable Inhabitants of the respective hundreds in the same Counties shall at proper seasons in every Year for Seven Years next ensuing and untill the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the end of the said Seven Years use their Endeavours for the repair of the said Roads and shall be Chargeable to Labour and Work thereon so many days as Shall be necessary not exceeding six days in any one Year and every such Taxable Inhabitant shall have and bring with him a Spade Shovel Pick Mattock Grubbing hoe Hilling Hoe Crow Barr or Sledge hammer or instead thereof if particularly required an Axe and shall diligently perform the Work and Labour to which he shall be appointed by the overseer aforesaid for eight Hours in every of the said Days with the said Tools

p. 348 [Proviso.] Provided always that any such taxable Inhabitant as aforesaid or any Person chargeable for any Male Taxable may employ and send an able and Sufficient Labouring man in his stead or the stead of any Male taxable for whom he is Chargeable and shall be obliged