

periods limited as aforesaid, the said clerks or sheriffs so neglecting or refusing, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That each and every person so appointed overseer as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to accept of his appointment, after receiving his warrant as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every refusal or neglect; *Provided nevertheless*, that no person shall be liable to be appointed as overseer of any road more than one year in every three years, without his consent.

Penalty on overseers for refusing to serve.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said overseers to keep all the public roads in the said — well and sufficiently cleared and grubbed, fit for travelling, twenty feet wide at the least, except in such parts thereof where the levy court shall allow or direct the said road to be of a less width, and to make and keep good and substantial bridges over all the heads of rivers, creeks, branches and swamps where the same shall be necessary, for the convenient and easy passage of travellers, with their wagons, carts, carriages, horses and cattle, and to remove all nuisances which may obstruct or annoy their passage, and well and sufficiently to causeway all and singular such places in and upon the said roads as shall require the same.

Overseers to keep the roads cleared and erect bridges.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the said overseers shall not well and sufficiently clear, grub, amend and repair, the said several and respective roads committed to their charge, within a reasonable time after the same shall be out of repair, or shall not make and keep in repair good and substantial bridges over the heads of rivers, creeks, branches or swamps, where the same shall be necessary as aforesaid, or shall not remove all nuisances from the said roads, or shall not well and sufficiently causeway all and singular such places in and upon the said roads as shall require the same, or shall permit or suffer any fallen trees, or other obstruction, to remain in or across any of the said public roads for the space of two days after notice thereof, or shall neglect to fell, or cause to be felled and removed, all decayed or dead trees on either side of the said public roads, whose *limits*,* or any of them, hang over the same, and may by their falling injure travellers, or shall not lop and cut off all limbs or branches of trees hanging or projecting over the said roads, within fifteen feet above the surface thereof, or shall in any other manner fail or neglect to perform the duties of an overseer of the said roads, according to the directions of this act, every such overseer, so failing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for every offence, except in the time of wheat harvest.

Penalty for neglect.

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