

Penalty on overseers for refusing to serve, &c.

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 a sum not exceeding ten dollars; *Provided nevertheless*, that no member of the legislature, magistrate, clergyman, schoolmaster, practising attorney, coroner, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, physician, or commissioner of the tax, shall be liable to serve as overseers of the said roads, without his or their consent; *And provided also*, that no person shall be compellable to act as overseer of any road more than one year in every three years, without his consent.

Overseers to keep the roads cleared, &c.

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 county well and sufficiently cleared and grubbed, fit for travelling, twenty feet wide at the least, 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.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. *Provided always*, That nothing in this act shall be considered to make it the duty of overseers of the roads aforesaid to make or repair any bridge or bridges above fifteen feet in length, but they shall continue to be built and repaired in the same manner as at present.

Penalty for neglect, &c.

SEC. 7. *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 limbs 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