act, to employ more than one-half of his own able-bodied hands of colour, at any one time, nor at any other time than when he calls on the taxable inhabitants of his section, as herein before directed, except to repair broken bridges, or remove temporary obstructions in or across said roads.

Wages allowed.

SEC. 7. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of regulating and establishing the wages of labourers, carts and teams employed in the repair of said public roads, the following rate of wages shall be allowed, to wit: for every able-bodied hand not under eighteen nor over forty-five years of age, furnished by a taxable inhabitant, at the request of a supervisor, he shall be allowed and paid the sum of fifty cents, current money, per day; and for every cart and team occupied in hauling dirt, timber or other materials necessary for the repair of the public roads, the sum of one dollar, current money, per day; and that the supervisor shall receive for his services, the sum of fifteen dollars per annum.

Case of supervisor neglecting roads, &c.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That if any of the supervisors appointed in virtue of this act shall not sufficiently clear or cause to be cleared, amended and repaired, the public roads within his section, or shall suffer any fallen trees, or other obstructions to remain in or across any of the said public roads, whereby any carriage, carts, wagon or vehicle shall or may be obstructed, for more than three days together, the said supervisor having notice thereof, except in time of wheat harvest, or shall neglect to fell all dead trees on either side of said road, whose limbs overhang, and may by falling injure travellers, or to lop or cut off any limbs or branches of trees hanging or projecting over said roads within fifteen feet above the surface thereof, or shall suffer any of the bridges or causeways of said county to be out of repair, (except frame bridges exceeding fifteen feet from abutment to abutment) or shall proceed to Or employ employ other hands except those of the taxable inhabitants of his section, without first giving the notice as herein before specified, to such taxable inhabitants, or shall charge said county in a larger sum for any labour by him procured, for the repair of said roads, than he shall actually and bona fide have paid for the same, or shall in any wise fail to perform the duty of supervisor, under this act, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, current money, for every such offence, to be recovered by bill of indictment, before the court of Talbot county, and applied to defray the charges and expenses of said county.

ing other hands.

Or charging more,

Penalty.

Authorized

timber, &c.

SEC. 9. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to take dirt, for the several and respective supervisors of the said roads, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, as often as shall be necessary, to dig, take and remove any stones, gravel