

Levy. exceeding fifteen feet from abutment to abutment, by employing suitable persons to make said repairs when necessary, and they are hereby authorized to levy upon the assessable property of said county, a sum of money sufficient to defray the expenses of the same, provided they do not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars in any one year.

Supervisor neglecting to render accounts.

Responsible

(*recovered)

Preamble.

Free negro required.

Fine for neglecting.

Repeal.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That if any supervisor appointed in virtue of this act, shall neglect or refuse to render a true account of all work done upon the public roads, within his section, and of all timber furnished under his orders, whereby the parties labouring or furnishing timber under his order, shall not be credited in their county taxes, for their services thus rendered, the said supervisor so neglecting or refusing, shall become responsible to the party or parties aggrieved, for the whole amount omitted to be returned by the said supervisor to the commissioners, to be by them *recorded** as small debts are now recoverable; but may, if paid by the said supervisor, be levied in his favour the following year, exclusive of all costs; *And whereas*, there are many male free negroes and mulattoes, residing in the said county, who neither pay taxes nor perform militia duties, and it being reasonable they should contribute something towards repairing the public roads of which they have the benefit and advantage; therefore,

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any supervisor in said county, within whose section of road any free negro or mulatto may reside, to call on each of them, not being under eighteen nor over forty-five years of age, (excepting all such as are employed by the year, by a taxable inhabitant) to labour in repairing said public roads; *Provided*, that it shall not be lawful for any supervisor to call on any such free negro or mulatto, to labour more than one day in any one year.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That if any free negro or mulatto called on by a supervisor, in virtue of this act, shall refuse or neglect to attend at the time and place appointed by such supervisor, or upon attending shall neglect to perform the duties required of him, the same being reasonable, such free negro or mulatto so neglecting or refusing, shall pay a fine not exceeding fifty cents, to be recovered at the instance of such supervisor in the name of the state, before a justice of the peace, and to be paid over by the said supervisor, to the commissioners for the county, to be by them applied for defraying the expenses of keeping in repair the public roads of said county.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first Monday in April next, all and every act or acts of assembly, inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act, so far as relates to Talbot county, be and the same are hereby repealed.