

(except as hereinafter provided,) at least two days before he intends working on said roads, exclusive of the day of notice and day of meeting, and notify them of his intention and the time and place of meeting to work on the roads, what utensils and implements they must bring, with carts and teams if necessary.

154. The persons so notified shall furnish one-half of their able bodied male hands, (if required,) except in time of wheat harvest, not under eighteen nor over fifty years of age, and also such utensils and teams as they have and may be required by the supervisor, under the penalty of one dollar for each hand and each team they may be required and shall fail to furnish; to be recovered by the supervisor in the name of the State before a justice of the peace as small debts are recoverable.

155. The justice of the peace at the hearing of each case so brought by the supervisor may, in his discretion, allow reasonable excuses for such failure.

156. All sums of money recovered by the supervisor under this law shall be appropriated by him to the employment of hands to supply the deficiency of labor occasioned by such delinquencies, in which case, but in no other, the supervisors may employ persons not taxables.

157. No supervisor shall employ more than half of his own able bodied hands at any one time, nor at any other time than when he calls on the taxables of his district, except to repair bridges or remove accidental obstructions from the roads.

158. The following shall be the rates of compensation for labor on the public roads in Caroline county, to wit: for every able bodied hand, the sum of seventy-five cents per day; for every cart and team, the sum of one dollar per day.

159. The supervisors shall annually return to the county commissioners a true account of all work done on the roads, and by whom done, in order that persons who have labored thereon may be credited by them in the county charges.

160. Any supervisor, in whose district any free negroes between the ages of eighteen and fifty years may reside, who are not taxables, may require them to work one day in each year upon the public roads, and if any free negro shall refuse or neg-