

lect to perform any reasonable duty enjoined upon him by the supervisor, he shall be fined not exceeding sixty cents, to be recovered at the instance of the supervisor in the name of the State, before any justice of the peace of the county, and to be appropriated in the employ of other hands for the public roads.

161. If any person shall alter, change, obstruct or encroach upon any road in Caroline county, or cut down, destroy, or purposely injure any bridge or causeway, he shall, on conviction thereof in the Circuit Court, be fined in the discretion of the court in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to be applied to the use of the county.

162. It shall be lawful for any of the citizens of Caroline county to keep on the public roads in said county all such gates as are now erected on the public roads for their own private use and convenience, upon the express conditions following: every owner of a gate kept on the public roads shall have his gate hung on good and sufficient iron hinges, and shall keep the same and that part of the said road which they occupy in good order and repair, so as to impede as little as possible persons travelling with carriages of pleasure or burthen.

163. If any person shall cut down, destroy, wilfully leave open or remove any of the said gates, they shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, forfeit and pay to the owner of such gate a sum not less than one nor exceeding ten dollars for every such offence, to be recovered as small debts.

164. On all gates authorized to be kept upon the public roads, the owner shall pay annually a tax of one dollar for each gate.

165. The owner of all such gates is required to transmit, on or before the first day of May annually, to the clerk of the county commissioners of said county, an account of the number by him owned and kept on the public roads, in writing under his hand and seal, and such clerk shall keep a list of the same, and shall deliver a copy thereof, with the amount of tax on each annexed, to the collector of the county taxes, to be by him collected as other taxes.

166. If any person shall neglect or refuse to give in a statement of the number of gates by him owned and kept on the public roads to the clerk of the county commissioners aforesaid,