

155.* The filling up or obstruction of such avenues or openings, may be punished by the Circuit Court for Kent county by presentment or indictment as for obstructions of the public roads.

156. They may require of the owners of slaves as many male slaves as they may deem necessary to work on the roads, not exceeding half of the number belonging to such persons on any one day; but such owner shall not be required to furnish such labor during the season of harvest; and for every slave so required and not furnished, the owner shall forfeit sixty cents a day, to be recovered by the supervisor as in case of small debts, and accounted for on oath by him.

157. They may call upon any free negro residing within their several districts, not being under eighteen or over forty-five years of age, excepting such as are employed by the year by a white citizen, or whose assessable property exceeds the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to labor in repairing the roads in said county.

158. They shall not call on such negroes to labor more than two days in any one year, and they shall make and return to the county commissioners a correct list of every male free negro subject to such call; and the county commissioners, in the event of any excess of labor in any one district in said county, may make such regulations as will secure such labor in some other district.

159. Any free negro called on by a supervisor as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to attend at the time and place by him appointed, or upon attending shall neglect to perform the duties required of him, shall pay a fine not exceeding one dollar, to be recovered at the instance of the supervisor, in the name of the State, before a justice of the peace of the county, and accounted for by such supervisor.

160. If any person shall alter, change, obstruct or encroach upon any public road in said county, or cut down, destroy or injure any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions therein or thereon, he shall, on conviction in the Circuit Court for said county, be fined, at the discretion of the court, not exceeding fifty dollars, the same to be paid to and