

ROADS.

151. The supervisors of roads in Somerset county shall, from time to time, summon as many of the able free male inhabitants in their several districts above the age of twenty-one and under the age of fifty years, to work upon the public roads in their several districts, and require them to assemble at such place within their districts as they shall appoint, with sufficient implements to work upon the roads.

152. The said supervisors may also hire carts and teams for removing such stones, dirt, gravel and timber as may be necessary for the repair of said roads.

153. They shall, within one month after receiving their commissions, make a list of all the able bodied free male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one and under the age of fifty years residing in their several districts, and of all the able bodied male slaves above the age of sixteen and under the age of sixty years residing therein, and they shall require the labor of the said persons alternately, and in such convenient numbers and classes as to place the burden of service equally upon all; but the labor of said persons shall not be called forth during wheat harvest, nor in such manner as to take more than half the number of persons belonging to the same family at the same time.

154. Whenever a supervisor shall think necessary to call upon the inhabitants of his district to work upon the roads, he shall summon the number and class which he shall have previously arranged, having regard to the quality and quantity of work necessary to be done, and giving each free person liable to work upon the same, and the master of each slave, at least two days' notice of the time and place appointed for the labor, except in such extraordinary cases as may require a shorter notice.

155. Every free person liable to work upon the roads so summoned shall be liable to attend in person, or to provide a sufficient substitute.

156. If any person, being summoned, shall neglect or refuse to attend, or to find a substitute, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for each offence.