

CHAP. 65. miry places, through or over which the said roads may pass; to cut down, or cause to be cut down, any tree or trees growing on any of the adjacent lands to such place where bridges may be necessary as aforesaid, and the same trees may haul, or carry away, off such lands, and to apply the same to the making of the said bridges, or other necessary repairs or conveniencies on the said roads; *Provided always*, that it shall not be lawful for any supervisor to enter any enclosure for the purpose of obtaining any stones, gravel, earth or timber, for the purposes aforesaid, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, or if a minor or minors, without the consent of his, her, or their guardians, and that it shall be the duty of each supervisor to make a separate return, on oath, of the timber taken by him for the use of the said roads, and a list of the persons to whom it belonged, with his view of the value thereof, which shall be levied on the assessable property of said county, for the use of the person or persons to whom it belonged, and collected as other county charges are; and it shall be the duty of each supervisor, to render to the said levy court annually, a true account of all work done on said roads, and by whom, and that the said person or persons who shall thus work or labour, shall be credited for the same in their county charges.

Proviso

Fine on persons al-
tering roads, &c

12. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any person or persons shall alter, change, obstruct or encroach upon, any of the said roads, or cut down, destroy, or purposely injure, any of the bridges or causeways, such person or persons, on being thereof convicted in the county court, shall be fined at the discretion of the said court in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to be applied towards defraying the county charges.

Levy court to alter
&c. roads

13. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall wish to alter, change or straighten, any part of the public roads in said county, they shall petition the levy court of said county, who shall appoint not more than twelve, nor less than three judicious men, of said county, not related to the party applying for such alteration, as commissioners, who shall view the old road, and the place where the new road is proposed to run, or wished to be made, and if the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are of opinion that it would be to the advantage of the community at large, they, or a majority of them, concurring in opinion, shall have liberty to alter and change such road as they may think beneficial to the public; *Provided*, that the said commissioners, before they proceed to perform the duties required by this act, shall take an oath, to be administered by a justice of the peace of said county, that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required by this act, and that the person or persons applying for such alteration shall pay all damages, costs and charges, that shall or may arise from making such alteration; *And provided always*, that it shall not be lawful to shut up, stop or obstruct, any road so altered or changed, before the new road shall be made and perfected, and received by the levy court of Caroline county.

Provisos

Supervisors not to
work with less
than five labour-
ers

14. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no supervisor shall proceed to work on any public road with a less number of able bodied labourers than five, unless it be for removing some fallen tree or trees, or other obstructions, repairing bridges or washes, on forfeiture of his wages for the time that a less number shall be employed by him as such.