

CHAP. 58. or to make or repair any bridge or causeway, give notice, by advertisement at the most convenient public places in such district, that the inhabitants may have an opportunity of hiring labourers, or labour themselves in and upon the said roads, bridges or causeways; and each supervisor shall be allowed such sum and expense as shall be deemed reasonable by the justices of the levy court.

Justices to call upon collector for monies assessed.

16. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the justices of the levy court shall call upon the collector for all monies levied and assessed for the use of the said roads, as soon as payable by law, and in case of neglect or refusal, they shall, within two months thereafter, issue an execution against the said collector, out of the county court, for the money so due, and shall have all the legal benefits and privileges usually attending executions issued in behalf of the state of Maryland; and the said justices shall also liquidate and settle the accounts of all supervisors within the said county annually, at their levy court, and keep a fair record of all their proceedings relative to the public roads.

Penalty on altering or changing roads.

17. **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 injure, any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions, therein or thereon, such person, on being thereof convicted in the county court, shall be fined, at the discretion of the court, not exceeding fifty dollars; and all fines imposed in such cases shall be appropriated to repairing such damages, and improving the roads in the county aforesaid, and be paid to and accounted for by the supervisors of the district.

Supervisors may require owners of slaves, to furnish labourers.

18. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the supervisors of said county shall, when necessary, require of the owners of slaves as many male slaves as they may deem necessary, not exceeding one half of the number of labouring slaves belonging to such persons on any one day; *Provided,* that such owner shall not be compelled to render more service in any one year by the labour of his or her slaves than his or her road taxes may amount to; *And provided,* that the labour of said slaves shall not be required as aforesaid during the season of harvest.

Proviso.

Penalty for not furnishing them.

19. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That for every slave so required by the supervisor, and not furnished, the owner shall forfeit sixty cents for each day, to be recovered by the supervisors as in case of small debts, to be accounted for on oath, and paid to the levy court annually, to be applied to the repairing of the public roads.

In orders issued by court, day of payment to be specified.

20. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That in all cases where the levy court of said county shall issue an order to the collector to pay any supervisor any money under this act, the said levy court shall specify in such order the day or days for the payment; and in case of his neglect or refusal, the said supervisor shall, within five days thereafter, under the penalty of twenty dollars, give notice thereof to the clerk of the county, who shall, within thirty days thereafter, give notice to the justices of the levy court of said county to meet, which court shall issue an execution against the said collector out of said county court, for the sum so due from the said collector, in the manner herein before prescribed.

Collection may be anticipated.

21. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the collection of the aforesaid taxes may be anticipated, by permitting the supervisor or supervisors, if expedient, to accept of labour in lieu thereof, as the custo-