

in order to avoid too large a levy and burden upon the tax payers of said county in any one year, the said county commissioners, if the proper prosecution of this system shall require it, may negotiate a loan or loans, upon the bonds of the county, at not less than their par value, bearing six per cent. interest, payable annually, and said bonds payable in annual instalments in such order as may render their payment not onerous to said tax payers, and they shall provide in the annual levy thereafter, for county purposes, for the payment of said interest, and of said annual instalments, until said bonds shall be fully paid off and redeemed.

103. The superintendent of roads for Charles county, shall have power to procure earth and gravel from any lands adjacent or convenient to the public roads, for filling up and raising same when necessary, where he cannot obtain such by agreement with owners of said land; and he shall return to the county commissioners a statement of same in such cases, with an estimate of its value, and shall also give a certificate or certificates thereof, to the owners of such land or lands; *provided*, such earth or gravel shall not be taken from the arable and cultivated land of any person, except by his consent, nor his crops or fields injured in getting at and procuring same. And said superintendent shall also have power in draining roads to let off the water therefrom upon the adjoining lands, at such places as may be proper and necessary; *provided*, he shall take care to do so with as little injury as possible to such owners of land, and to that end, shall have power to continue drains through such lands, so as to prevent the spreading of the water so let off the roads over cultivated fields.

104. Any person who shall obstruct, fill up, or otherwise wilfully injure the drains made by the superintendent of roads or supervisors thereof, under his directions, shall be subject to presentment by the grand jury of said county, and upon conviction thereof in the circuit court of said county, shall be subject to a fine in

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Penalty.