

such lands be continued so as to prevent the spreading of the water so let off the roads over cultivated fields.

97. Any person who shall obstruct, fill up, or otherwise wilfully injure the drains made for conducting the water from the public roads, or shall encroach upon any public roads by fences or other obstructions, or dig any ditch or drain across any road, and not keep such ditch or drain well covered and in good repair for the passage of vehicles over the same, or if any person shall drain any water into or upon any public road, each and every such person, for every such offence, shall be subject to a fine, for the use of the county, of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars.

Penalty for injuring, &c., drains, or encroaching on roads.

98. All gates on the public roads of Charles county shall be so made and hung as not to cause unnecessary delay or hindrance to travellers, and any person who shall tear down, destroy, remove, or wilfully leave open any gate on the public roads in the county, so made and hung, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding ten dollars, for the use of the county.

Gates, how to be made.

Penalty for destroying or leaving open.

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SHERIFF.

1870, c. 435 amends section 140 by adding thereto the following clause :

140. * * * And the said sheriff may be allowed by said commissioners, in their discretion, any sum they may deem reasonable for the payment of any person necessarily employed by him in the custody and safe-keeping of such prisoners so confined in jail.

1870, c. 435. Compensation.

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