

owner or owners thereof; or if the owner or owners be a minor or minors, then without the consent of his, her or their guardian or guardians; and that it shall be the duty of each supervisor to make a separate return on oath, of the timbers taken by him, for the use of the said roads, and a list of the persons to whom it belonged, with his estimate 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, by whom done (being taxables and actually charged with taxes) in order that the said person or persons, who shall have worked or labored on the road, or shall have furnished timber for the repairs of the same, shall be credited for the same in their respective county charges.

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9. *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 causways, such person or persons on being thereof convicted in the county court, shall be fined at the discretion of said court, in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to be applied towards defraying the county charges.

Penalty for obstructing road, &c.

10. *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 thereupon shall appoint, not more than five nor less than three judicious men of said county, not related to the party or parties 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 shall be of opinion that it would not be a disadvantage to the community at large, nor materially injure any individual, they, or a majority of them concurring in opinion, shall have full power and authority to direct the said petitioners to alter and change such road in such manner as they, or a majority of them may point out and direct; *Provided,* That the said commissioners before they proceed to the execution of the duties required by this act, shall take an oath or affirmation 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 provided also,* That the person or persons applying for such alteration, shall alter and change such road at his own proper costs and charges, and shall moreover pay all damages, costs and charges that shall or may arise from making such alterations; *And provided further,* That it shall not be lawful for such applicant or applicants, to shut up, stop, or obstruct, any old road, so about to be altered or changed, before the new road shall be made, perfected, and received by by the levy court of Talbot county.

Alteration or change of roads provided for.

Provisoes.

11. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the levy court of said county, and they are hereby directed to cause to

Repair of bridges,