

alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion. On final ratification of any report of the assessors appointed under the provisions of this Section, the Secretary to the Commissioners shall at once record in a book kept for that purpose the said return, plat and all proceedings connected therewith. And if for any reason the person to whom damages are awarded refuses to receive the damages assessed, or from infancy or any other cause are prevented from receiving and receipting for same, the damages so assessed shall be deposited in some bank of Caroline County, paying interest on deposits, if any, to the credit of the person entitled to such damages, and thereupon the Commissioners of Denton, may proceed in the same way as if said damages had been paid to the person or persons themselves.

SEC. 96. *And be it further enacted,* That all able-bodied male citizens residing in the town of Denton, twenty-one years of age and over, shall be compelled to labor one day of ten hours in every year on the public streets of said town; provided, however, no person shall be required to labor as aforesaid who may furnish a substitute or pay to the bailiff the sum of one dollar in lieu of said labor, and any person who shall refuse to obey the summons of the bailiff for labor on the public streets shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon complaint made by the bailiff, shall be arrested and taken before a Justice of the Peace for Caroline County, upon a warrant to be issued by said Justice, and upon proof of such summons, and failure or refusal to obey the same shall be fined not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars, and all costs of such proceedings, and to be committed to the jail of Caroline County until such fine and costs are paid.

SEC. 97. *And be it further enacted,* That all by-laws now in force relating or applicable to the Commissioners of Denton and not included in this Act and not inconsistent with this Act and all ordinances of the Commissioners of Denton now in force and not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and they are hereby continued until changed or repealed respectively by the General Assembly of Maryland or the Commissioners of Denton.

SEC. 98. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers provided for or named in the charter of Denton, or any amendments thereto, as it now stands before the passage of this Act, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their suc-