

shall require, at the Discretion of the Justices of the County-Courts. And for the better ascertaining what is or shall be deemed publick Roads, *Be it likewise Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Justices of the County-Courts shall set down and ascertain in their Records, once every Year, what are the publick Roads of their respective Counties, and appoint Overseers of the same; and that no Person whatsoever shall alter or change any such publick Roads, without the Leave or License of the Governour and Council, or Justices of the County-Courts, upon Penalty of Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco.

Roads to be Ascertained, and Overseers appointed. And not to be alter'd without leave.

And if any Overseer so appointed, should neglect to clear the Roads, so as aforesaid, he shall be fined Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco in Cask. And every Labourer that shall refuse to serve and obey the Overseer, and every Master of Servants (that being summon'd or warn'd) shall refuse to send all his Taxable Male-Servants to the Overseer aforesaid, he or they shall be fined, (that is to say) every Labourer One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and the said Master, for every Servant warned, and not sent, One Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; and the Clerk of the County is hereby obliged to issue out Warrants to the Overseers appointed, upon Penalty of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and the Sheriff of each respective County is to deliver the same to the several and respective Overseers as aforesaid, *ex Officio*, on Penalty of One Thousand Pounds of Tobacco in Cask; the One Half of all which Fines shall be employed and disposed of towards defraying the County-Charge, in such Manner as the Commissioners of each respective County, shall, in their Discretion think convenient; the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same; to be recovered in Her Majesty's Name for the Use aforesaid, by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Effoyn, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Every Overseer or others Neglecting their Duty, to be fined.

County-Clerks to issue Warrants to Overseers, and Sheriffs to deliver them.

And that all the Roads that lead to any Ferries, Court-House of any County, or to any Church, or leading thro' any County to the Port of *Annapolis*, shall be Marked on both Sides the Road with Two Notches; if the Road lead to *Annapolis*, the Road that leads there at the leaving the other Road, shall be Marked on the Face of a Tree in a smooth Place cut for that Purpose, with the Letters A. A. set on with a Pair of Marking-Irons, and coloured, and so with Two Notches all along the Road; and where at any Place it leaves any other Road, it shall be again distinguished with the Mark aforesaid, on the Face of the Tree, with a Pair of Marking-Irons, and coloured as aforesaid: And any Road on the *Eastern-Shore* in *Talbot-County*, that leads to the Port of *William-Stadt*, at the Entering into the same, and upon parting with, or dividing from any other Road, shall be Marked on the Face of a Tree in a smooth Place, cut for that Purpose, with the Letter W. and so with Two Notches all along the Road: And the Roads that lead to any County Court-House, shall have Two Notches on the Trees on both Sides of the Road, as aforesaid; and another Notch at a Distance above the other Two. And any Road that leads to a Church shall be Marked at the Entrance into the same, and at the leaving any other Road, with a Slip, cut down the Face of the Tree near the Ground: And any Road leading to a Ferry, and dividing from the other Publick Roads, shall be Marked with Three Notches of equal Distance at the Entrance into the same. And these Rules and Methods the several

Roads to be Marked, and how.

Justices