

C H A P. XLIII. **VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That no supervisor of any public road shall at any time proceed to work and labour on such public road with a less number of able-bodied labourers than six, unless it be for the purpose of removing some fallen trees or other obstruction, under the penalty of forfeiting his own wages for the time that a less number of hands shall be employed, and to be deducted out of his allowance by the levy court.

Part of an act repealed, &c. **IX. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That so much of the original act to which this is a supplement as requires one third of the money levied on the inhabitants on the east and south side of Elk river to be expended on the roads on the east and south sides of said river, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the whole of the money collected in said county to be laid out on any roads in said county in the discretion and judgment of the levy court.

Part of another act repealed, &c. **X. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That all that part of an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, * entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which authorises and empowers the justices of Montgomery county court to levy a sum, not exceeding two shillings in the hundred pound of assessable property, for the clearing and amending the several public roads in said county, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the power and authority by said act vested in the justices of said county court is hereby transferred to and vested in the justices of the levy court for said county.

Slaves may be required, &c. **XI. AND,** whereas it is represented, that in Queen-Anne's (a) and Caroline counties a sufficient number of hands cannot be hired for reasonable wages to repair the public roads in said counties, by which means they remain in bad condition, and the supervisors subjected to a fine as for neglect; for remedy whereof, **BE IT ENACTED,** That the supervisors in the said counties of Queen-Anne's and Caroline shall have full power and authority, whenever it may be necessary, to require of the owner or owners thereof, in their respective counties, as many male slaves, most convenient to the roads to be repaired, as may be necessary to work on the same, not exceeding one half of the said slaves belonging to any person on any one day, nor shall any person be compelled to render more services in any one year than his or her road taxes may amount to.

(a) By 1799, ch. 70, all acts relating to public roads in Queen-Anne's county heretofore made are repealed.

Penalty for not furnishing, &c. **XII. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That for every slave so required by the supervisor and not furnished, the owner thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings, to be recovered by the supervisors in the said counties respectively as in case of small debts, and when received shall be accounted for on oath, and paid to the levy court of the respective counties annually, to be applied to repairing the public roads in their county.

Road established, &c. **XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the road leading from the post-road in the said county of Queen-Anne's, near Church-hill, to the public warehouse on the south-east branch called Tipping's Warehouse, and the road from the post-road at Centre-Ville to the public warehouse called Corsica Warehouse, on the head of Corsica creek, be and they are hereby established as public roads of said county, and any person erecting a nuisance on them, or either of them, or in any manner obstructing the same, shall be subject to the same penalty as persons are subject to for the like offence committed on any other public road.

Part of an act repealed, &c. **XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That so much of the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement as directs the collectors of the several counties to deliver to each taxable person an account of his road tax, be and the same is hereby repealed, except so far as relates to Prince-George's, Caroline and Montgomery counties.

One supervisor to be appointed, &c. **XV. AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the justices for Prince-George's county shall appoint at least one supervisor over every hundred to which there was, before the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, an overseer, and every supervisor shall receive, as a compensation for each day he may attend on the public roads agreeable to law, such sum as the justices may think sufficient, not exceeding ten shillings, any thing in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

Road to be kept up, &c. **XVI. AND,** whereas the provisions of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, extend to the county of Somerset, but do not extend to the county of Worcester, and it is thereby rendered uncertain in what manner the road that divides the said counties ought to be kept up and repaired; for ascertaining whereof, **BE IT ENACTED,** That the said road from the line of Delaware on the north to the middle of the north branch of Tondotank creek, where it crosses the same, shall be kept up and