

on any land adjoining the roads for which the same may be necessary, and to employ the same in the repairing of the said roads; and for the making or repairing of bridges over the heads of rivers, creeks, branches, swamps, or other low and miry places, through and over which the said roads may pass, to cut down, or cause to be cut down, any tree or trees growing on any of the next adjacent lands to such places where bridges may be necessary as aforesaid, and the same trees to maul and carry away off such lands, and to apply the same to the making or repairing of the said bridges; provided always, that no enclosure shall be laid open or entered into to obtain the several materials aforesaid, or any of them, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof; and provided also, that before any tree or trees shall be cut down for the purposes aforesaid, notice whereof shall be given to the owner, tenant or overseer, and due compensation made or secured to him or them by the county according to the full value thereof, in such manner as the justices of the levy court shall direct.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said supervisors respectively shall, before they begin to straighten, amend or repair any road, or to make or repair any bridge or causeway, give notice, by advertisement at the most convenient public places in such district, that the inhabitants may have an opportunity of hiring labourers, or labour themselves in and upon the said roads, bridges or causeways; and each supervisor shall be allowed such sum and expence as shall be deemed reasonable by the justices of the levy court.

Notice to be given, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court shall call upon the collector for all monies levied and assessed for the use of the said roads, as soon as payable by law, and in case of neglect or refusal, they shall, within two months thereafter, issue an execution against the said collector, out of the county court, for the money so due, and shall have all the legal benefits and privileges usually attending executions issued in behalf of the state of Maryland; and the said justices shall also liquidate and settle the accounts of all supervisors within the said county annually, at their levy court, and keep a fair record of all their proceedings relative to the public roads.

Justices to call on collector, &c.

XVII. 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 injure, any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions, therein or thereon, such person, on being thereof convicted in the county court, shall be fined, at the discretion of the court, not exceeding fifty dollars, and all fines imposed in such cases shall be appropriated to repairing such damages, and improving the roads in the county aforesaid, and be paid to and accounted for by the supervisor of the district.

Penalty on altering, &c. any road, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the supervisors of said county shall, when necessary, require of the owners of slaves as many male slaves as they may deem necessary, not exceeding one half of the number of labouring slaves belonging to such person on any one day, provided that such owner shall not be compelled to render more service in any one year by the labour of his or her slaves than his or her road taxes may amount to; and provided, that the labour of said slaves shall not be required as aforesaid during the season of harvest.

Supervisors may require slaves, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for every slave so required by the supervisor, and not furnished, the owner shall forfeit seventy-five cents for each day, to be recovered by the supervisors as in case of small debts, to be accounted for on oath, and paid to the levy court annually, to be applied to the repairing of the public roads.

Penalty for not furnishing, &c.

XX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the levy court of said county shall issue an order to the collector to pay any supervisor any money under this act, the said levy court shall specify in such order the day or days for the payment, and in case of his neglect or refusal, the said supervisor shall, within five days thereafter, under the penalty of twenty dollars, give notice thereof to the clerk of the county, who shall, within thirty days thereafter, give notice to the justices of the levy court of said county to meet, which court shall issue an execution against the said collector out of said county court for the sum so due from the said collector, in the manner herein before prescribed.

Day for payment to be specified, &c.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collector of the aforesaid taxes may be anticipated, by permitting the supervisor or supervisors, (if expedient,) to accept of labour in lieu thereof at the customary rates of labour for the time, which supervisor or supervisors shall issue certificates to those by whom such labour may be rendered, expressing therein, in writing, the duration or time of such labour, the rate thereof by the day, by whom and for whose account the same was rendered, and the whole account or value thereof, to be received in taxes by the collector of said county, in discharge of monies due or owing for this particular tax.

Collection may be anticipated, &c.

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