

of consenting to applications of this nature; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That upon the application in writing from two thirds of the proprietors of the lands through which any public road or roads may pass, or be prayed to pass, petitioning for the turning, altering or streightening, a public road or roads, it shall and may be lawful for the said levy court, upon being satisfied that the granting of such petition will be of public convenience, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to direct the surveyor of the said county to lay out such road, agreeably to the prayer of such petition, or in such other manner as they shall think most expedient, not exceeding thirty feet in breadth, without the consent of the said proprietors, and to make return of such location with all convenient speed; and after such road shall be surveyed and laid out agreeably to the intentions of this act, the said court shall direct the application for such road, and the order and proceedings thereupon, and the return of the surveyor, to be enrolled among their records, and thereupon and thereafter such road shall be deemed and considered to be a public road, and shall be kept up and repaired as other public roads in the said county; provided, that no such application shall affect the lands of infants, persons *non compos mentis*, or persons beyond the limits of this state, until the said disabilities shall be removed.

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On application,  
road may be  
turned, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall alter or change, or in any manner obstruct, any of the said roads, or any part or parts thereof, or cut down, destroy or injure, any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions therein or thereon, without the licence of the levy court obtained as aforesaid, every such person or persons, being thereof convicted in the county court, shall forfeit and pay a fine, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, according to the nature of the offence.

Penalty on al-  
tering, &c. any  
road, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any person or persons have built, or shall build, in the county aforesaid, a mill or mills on any branch or run where any public or main road crossed, or shall cross, and have erected, or shall erect, any dam for such mill or mills, such person or persons, as the owner, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall and they are hereby obliged to make the top of the said dam twelve feet wide at the least, and make good and substantial bridges over the waste and race of the said mills and dams, and the same keep in good repair; and where any mill hereafter to be erected shall obstruct any public road, and it shall be thought convenient by the levy court where such mill is so erected, that the said public road shall pass below the dam of the said mill, or where such public road now passes below the dam of any such mill or mills, that then and in such case the owner or owners, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall and they are hereby required to raise and make a good and sufficient causeway or causeways across the branch or run on which the said mill is built, twelve feet wide at the least, and make a good and substantial bridge over the tail of the said mill, and the same keep in good repair; and if the owner or owners, possessor or occupier, of any such mill or mills, shall refuse or neglect to do what is by this act required, and shall be thereof legally convicted, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding forty dollars for each neglect or offence; provided, that such person or persons, owner or owners, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall not be obliged to work upon, or send any of their labourers or hands who shall reside in the precinct of such public road to work on, any part of such road, except such milldam, causeway, race and waste, as aforesaid.

Top of dams to  
be made twelve  
feet wide, &c.

XX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any person or persons have built, or shall hereafter build or erect, any mill in the county aforesaid, on any branch or run below the places where public or main roads did or shall cross such branch or run, and by the building and erecting of such mill, or dam for the same, the public or main road which crossed, or shall cross, the branch or run as aforesaid, is or shall be any way affected or injured, or the passage therein any way obstructed or rendered difficult or incommodious, such person or persons, or the owner, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall and they are hereby obliged, by the last day of June next, where such mill or mills have already been built, or within one month after the building of any other mill or mills stopping or impeding the course of the water as aforesaid, to make good and sufficient bridges and causeways, twelve feet wide at the least, over the said branches or runs at the places where the public or main roads crossed, or shall cross, such branches or runs as aforesaid, and the said bridges and causeways maintain and keep in good repair, under a penalty not exceeding forty dollars for each neglect or offence; provided, that such person or persons, owner or owners, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall not be obliged to work upon, or send any of their labourers or hands who shall reside in the precinct of such public road to work on, any part of such road, except on such bridges and causeways as aforesaid.

Persons build-  
ing mills to  
make good  
bridges, &c.

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