

26 Justices of the Peace made on all roads of Rivers Creeks Branches and  
Swamps where wood shall require at the discretion of the Justice 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 ap-  
point Overseers of the same. And that no person whatsoever shall alter or  
change any such publick roads without the leave or license of the Governor  
and Council ~~and~~ the Justices of the County Courts upon penalty of five-  
hundred pounds of Tobacco.

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 Cash and  
every labourer that shall refuse to do so and obey the Overseer and every Master  
of Servants that being Summ'd or warn'd shall refuse to send all his fit and able  
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 warn'd and not sent one hundred pounds of Tobacco and the  
Court of the County is hereby oblig'd 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 so appointed as aforesaid ex officio  
on penalty of one thousand pounds of Tobacco in Cash the one half  
of all which fines shall be employ'd and disposed of towards the  
paying the County Charge in such manner as the Commissioners of each  
respective County shall in their Discretion <sup>think</sup> convenient the other half to  
be paid to them that shall inform or sue for the same to be recovered in the  
Majestys Name for the use aforesaid by bill plaint or information in  
any Court of Record within this Province where no Effray protection or  
wager of Law be allowed.

And that all the roads that lead to any Heres Court house of  
any County or to any Church or loading through any County to the port of  
any place shall be mark'd on both sides the road with trees or posts if

the road