

XIV. And, Whereas the other public Roads in the said Counties of C. H. A. P. XXI. XXII. Anne-Arundel and Frederick, are very much out of Order, and in the present Method of amending and repairing them the Burthen of the little Labour performed thereon falls very unequally on the People, for Re- Overseer of the Roads and Taxables in the several Hundreds of Anne-Arundel & Frederick Counties, to use their Endeavours for the Repair of said Roads, & shall be chargeable to work thereon not exceeding 6 Days in any one Year; medy whereof, and also to provide for keeping the public Roads in the said Counties in Repair, *Be it enacted*, That the Overseer of the public Roads, together with the taxable Inhabitants of the respective Hundreds in the same Counties, shall at proper Seasons in every Year, for Seven Years next ensuing, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said Seven Years, use their Endeavours for the Repair of the said Roads, and shall be chargeable to labour and work thereon so many Days as shall be necessary, not exceeding Six Days in any one Year; and every such taxable Inhabitant shall have and bring with him a Spade, Shovel, Pick, Mattock, Grubbing Hoe, Hilling Hoe, Crow Bar, or Sledge Hammer, or instead thereof, if particularly required, an Axe, and shall diligently perform the Work and Labour to which he shall be appointed by the Overseer aforesaid, for Eight Hours in every of the said Days, with the said Tools.

XV. *Provided always*, That any such taxable Inhabitant as aforesaid, Provided or any Person chargeable for any Male Taxable, may employ and send an able and sufficient labouring Man in his Stead, or the Stead of any Male Taxable for whom he is chargeable; and shall be obliged to send one able and sufficient labouring Man in the Stead of each Female Negro Taxable for whom he shall be chargeable.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Overseers aforesaid, shall fairly and impartially warn and employ the Taxables within their respective Hundreds in Turn, and on the most convenient Parts of the public Roads; and where one and the same Person shall have or be chargeable with more than one Tax, he or she shall not be obliged to send more than one half of the whole Number of his or her Taxables in the same Hundred, on the same Day; and in Consideration of the extraordinary personal Trouble of the Overseers, all the Taxables of each Overseer within the District of which he shall be Overseer, shall be exempt from Labour or Attendance on the public Roads. Taxables to be employed in Turn, and Persons chargeable with more than one to send only one Half on the same Day; &c.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any of the said Overseers shall, after the First Day of July next, voluntarily suffer any public Road in his District to be out of Repair by the Space of Ten Days together, or shall neglect to clear and well grub any such Road, he shall incur the Penalty inflicted by Law on Overseers for neglecting to clear the Roads, and the same Penalty may be recovered before any one Justice of the Peace of the County in which he resides, one Half thereof to the Use of the County towards defraying the Charge thereof, and the other Half to the Use of such Person who will inform or warrant for the same. Overseers neglecting to clear the Roads to incur the Penalty inflicted by Law.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS *Aquila Carr, John Curtis, John Dunn, Joseph Ashmead, Benjamin Roberston, Robert Borwens, James Elkins, William Miller, Walter Fowler, William Lee, John Pearce, Matthew M'Cormuch, John Pearson, Peter Sigaser, Jacob Hart, Joseph Bar-* Preamble; with the Names of the Prisoners relieved.