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of such labourer or master, by means whereof the public roads are much out of repair, and the several overseers have been liable to and have incurred the penalties inflicted for not clearing the said roads:

Fines on overseers, &c. neglecting to clear the roads, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any overseer should neglect to clear the roads, in such manner as is directed by the laws of this state, he shall be fined one hundred pounds: that every labourer, who shall refuse to serve and obey the overseer, shall be fined the sum of five pounds: and that every master or mistress, and where no master or mistress the dame or overseer, of a servant or servants, slave or slaves, being summoned or warned, who shall refuse to send all such his or her male servants, as are obliged by the laws of this state, to work on the public roads thereof, for every servant warned and not sent, shall be fined the sum of five pounds.

Fines by a former act not to be levied, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the fine of five hundred pounds of tobacco, imposed on every overseer for neglect of his duty, and the fine of one hundred pounds of tobacco, imposed on every labourer for his refusal to serve and obey the overseer, and on every master or mistress, for every servant or slave warned and not sent, shall not be levied or collected, for any refusal or neglect, during the continuance of this law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices may levy money for repairing court-houses, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the several counties to levy and raise, in the same manner as the county charges may be raised and levied, any sum of money not exceeding the sum of one thousand pounds at any one time, for the full and compleat repairing of any one county court-house, and not exceeding the sum of one thousand pounds at any one time, for the full and necessary repairs of any one county prison, and not exceeding eight hundred pounds at any one time, for the full and compleat repairing of any one bridge, and not exceeding fifteen hundred pounds, for erecting and building any one new bridge, in any one county whatsoever; but that in every case where any greater sum may be necessary for any of the purposes above mentioned, application shall be made to the general assembly for the time being.

Three former acts repealed.

V. And be it enacted, That the act, entitled, An act to encourage adventurers in iron-works, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the eleventh day of July, in the year seventeen hundred and thirty-two; and the act, entitled, An explanatory act of the act, entitled, An act to encourage adventurers in iron-works, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the twentieth day of April, seventeen hundred and thirty-six; and also an act, entitled, An act to oblige owners, overseers, and managers of iron-works, to assist in repairing public roads, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, the eighth day of May, seventeen hundred and fifty, be, and each of them are, hereby repealed.

Continuance.

VI. This act to continue and be in force for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.