

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.

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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.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any person or persons have erected, or shall erect, in the county aforesaid, any mill or mills on any branch or run where any public road crosses, or shall cross, and have erected, or shall erect, any dam for such mill or mills, such person or persons, or the owner, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall be 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 twelve feet wide, 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 fifty dollars for each neglect or offence, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Dams to be twelve feet wide, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any damages shall be allowed to any person or persons for opening any public road through his, her or their land, the payment shall not be made until the road be actually laid out and opened.

Damages, &c. when to be paid, &c.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no supervisor shall proceed to work on any public road with a less number of able bodied labourers than six, unless it be for removing some fallen trees, or other obstruction, on forfeiture of his wages for the time that a less number shall be employed, to be deducted out of his allowance by the levy court.

Not to work with less than six, &c.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the first Monday in April next, all acts of assembly heretofore made, and relating to public roads in Queen-Anne's county, be and they are hereby repealed, so far as they relate to the said county.

Acts repealed.

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An ACT for the relief of John Johnson, of Washington county.

WHEREAS John Johnson, of Washington, has emigrated to, and settled in, this state, and since his emigration and settlement in this state hath acquired real property therein, and his title to such property, from his not having been naturalized before such property was acquired by him, may be called in question, to his great injury and detriment: And whereas also the said John Johnson was, by the county court of Washington, at the January term, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, naturalized agreeably to act of congress; therefore;

Passed 3d of Jan. 1800. Preamble.