

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.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collection 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 rate 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 12 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, when to be paid.

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 eight, 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 eight, &c.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the levy court aforesaid shall have full power to contract with any person or persons for the opening or clearing any road hereafter laid out in Kent county, and for the improving and keeping in repair any road, or such part thereof as, in their judgment, shall seem most adviseable and for the interest of the county, and where any person or persons shall contract for the keeping in repair of any public road in virtue of this act, and shall neglect to keep the same in such repair as it is the duty of the supervisors by law to do, then such person or persons, so contracting, shall be subject to the same penalties as supervisors of public roads in Kent county in like cases are, to be recovered and applied in the same manner; and every person or persons so contracting with the justices of the levy court for Kent county shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as the justices of the levy court shall approve of, and in such sum or penalty as they shall require, for the performance of such contract, and such contractors shall have and exercise all the powers which supervisors of public roads in Kent county may have by virtue of this act, except the powers given to supervisors by the eighteenth section of this act.

Justices to contract, &c.

XXVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Kent county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An act repealed.

XXVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue and be in force for two years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Duration.