

the same, without leave of the owner or owners first being obtained. CHAP. 110.

9. *And be it enacted,* That the said supervisors shall and they are hereby required, before they begin to straighten, amend or repair, any road within their several and respective districts, or to make or repair any bridge or causeway, to give notice, by advertisement set up at the most convenient public and frequented places in such district; in order that the said inhabitants may have an opportunity of hiring labourers to the said supervisor, or labour themselves in and upon the said roads, bridges or causeways, and each supervisor shall be allowed such sum, not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents, for every day, for his labour, trouble and expense, in supervising the making, mending, widening or repairing, the said roads, bridges or causeways, as shall be deemed reasonable and proper by the levy court.

Before they begin to mend roads to give notice. &c

10. *And be it enacted,* That the levy courts aforesaid may and shall call upon the collector or collectors for all monies levied and assessed for the use of the said roads, as soon as the same are payable by law to the said levy courts, and in case of neglect or refusal in the said collectors to settle and pay the same, the said levy courts shall and they are hereby authorised, directed and required, within two months thereafter, to issue an execution against the said collector or collectors, out of the county court, for the sum of money so due from the said collector or collectors, and shall have all the legal benefits and privileges usually attending executions issued in behalf of the state of Maryland, and the said levy courts shall also liquidate and settle the accounts of all the supervisors within their county annually at their levy courts, and the said levy courts shall keep a fair record of all their proceedings relative to the public roads.

Levy courts may call upon collectors for monies levied, &c

11. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall alter or change, or in any manner obstruct or encroach upon, any of the said roads, or any part or parts thereof, or cut down, destroy or injure, any of the bridges, causeways, boundaries, marks or directions, therein or thereon; such person or persons being thereof convicted in the county court, shall be fined at the discretion of the court for each and every such offence, in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, according to the nature and degree of the offence, and all fines imposed in such cases shall be appropriated to the purpose of repairing such damages, and improving the roads in the county where the offence is committed, and shall be paid to, and accounted for by, the supervisor of the district wherein such damages shall be sustained.

Penalty for altering, &c roads

12. *And be it enacted,* That the levy courts, or a majority of them, of said counties, shall have full power to contract with any person or persons for the opening or clearing any road hereafter laid out, or to be laid out in their respective counties, and for the improving and keeping in repair any road, or such parts thereof, and for such length of time during the existence of this law, as in their judgment shall seem most advisable, 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 repairs as it is in the duty of the supervisors by law to do, then such person or persons so con-

Levy courts may contract for opening roads