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sioners, before they proceed to the execution of the duties required by this act, they shall take an oath (or affirmation) to be administered by a justice of the peace of said county, that they will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required by this act: *And provided also*, that the person or persons applying for such alteration shall alter and change such road at his own proper cost and charges, and shall moreover pay all damages, costs and charges that shall or may arise from making such alterations; *and provided further*, that it shall not be lawful for such applicant or applicants, to shut up, stop, or obstruct any old road, so about to be altered or changed, before the new road shall be made, perfected, and received by the levy court of Caroline county.

Bridges.

11. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the levy court of said county, and they are hereby directed to cause to be kept in good order and repair, all frame bridges in said county, exceeding fifteen feet from abutment to abutment, by employing suitable persons to make said repairs when necessary, and levying money on the assessable property of said county, to defray the expense of the same, not exceeding two hundred and sixty-six dollars in any one year.

Accounts.

12. *And be it enacted*, That if any supervisor appointed in virtue of this act, shall neglect or refuse to render a true annual account of all work done on the public roads, and of all timber furnished within his district, under his orders, and by whom done, by whom furnished, whereby the parties or any of them laboring, or furnishing timber under his superintendance, shall not be credited in their county taxes for their services rendered, the said supervisor so neglecting or refusing, shall become responsible to the party or parties aggrieved for the whole amount omitted, to be recovered by the party aggrieved, from the said supervisor, in the same manner as small debts are recovered, but may, if paid by him, be levied in favor of the said supervisor the following year, excluding costs.

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS there are many male free negroes and mulattoes residing in the county aforesaid, who neither pay taxes nor perform militia duty, and it being reasonable that they should contribute something towards the repairs of the public roads, of which they have the use, therefore,

Free Negroes

13. *Be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any supervisor in the said county, within whose district any such free negroes or mulattoes may reside, to call on each of them, not being under eighteen nor over fifty years of age, to labor in repairing said public roads; *provided*, that it shall not be lawful for such supervisor to call on any such free negroes to do more than one day's work in any one year.

Penalty.

14. *And be it enacted*, That if any free negro or mulatto, called on by a supervisor, in virtue of this act, shall refuse or neglect to attend at the time and place appointed by such supervisor, or, attending, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties, being reasonable, enjoined on him by such supervisor, without reasonable excuse, such free negro or mulatto so neglecting or refusing, shall pay a fine, not exceeding sixty cents, to be recovered at the instance of such supervisor, in the name of the state, before a justice of the peace, and to be appropriated by the said supervisor in the same manner as is directed by the fifth section of this act in case of delinquent taxables.

Repeal.

15. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first Monday in April next, all and every act or acts of assembly, and every clause