

the proprietor of the land between such points, after which the old road shall not be considered public. The Commissioner shall not so direct until he considers the new part equally as good and passable as the old road.

14. If the Commissioners think that any road is not required for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Parish through which the same passes, or the inhabitants of the adjacent Parish, they may, by the consent of the owner or owners of the land through which it passes, shut up the same.

15. The Commissioners for each Parish shall designate in writing, the width, marks, bounds, and lines of such roads as are laid out, altered, or shut up, and within three months thereafter make return thereof to the Clerk of the Peace, who shall enter the same in a book to be kept for that purpose. Any Commissioner or Clerk of the Peace neglecting the duty required of him shall pay for each neglect three pounds.

16. Whoever shall alter, encroach on, or obstruct any public road, shall for each offence forfeit forty shillings; and if the offender do not remove such encroachment or obstruction within three days thereafter, he shall again forfeit a like sum of forty shillings, and so on in like manner until such obstruction be removed; should the offender not be known, the Commissioner or Surveyor, if the incumbrance be saleable, shall, unless sooner claimed, after three days public notice, sell the same, and apply the proceeds to repairing such road; if not saleable, they shall cause the same to be removed, and the person employed by them shall be allowed therefor, according to the time he is employed, a deduction of his statute labour.

17. All roads, streets, and bridges in each County, shall be cleared, maintained, and repaired by the male inhabitants thereof, being eighteen years of age and upwards, (except Ministers of the Gospel and licenced Schoolmasters employed as such, not having property liable to assessment; and emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland arriving within the year the assessment is made,) who shall work either in person or by sufficient substitutes in such year, with such implements as the Surveyor shall direct, the number of days (eight hours actual labour to each day) as follows, namely: all persons between the age of eighteen and twenty one years, two days; and persons of twenty one and above, three days; and for any real or personal estate he may possess not exceeding one hundred pounds, one day; exceeding one hundred pounds and not exceeding three hundred pounds, two days; exceeding three hundred pounds and not exceeding five hundred pounds, three days; and so on in like manner (for every two hundred pounds one day additional) for any real or personal estate he may possess, not in the whole to exceed thirty days in any one year; and for every two hundred pounds of real or personal property, over and above such sum as will together with the three days poll rate make thirty days, the owner of such property shall be taxed at the rate of two shillings and six pence for every two hundred pounds, which shall be paid in money. Two Justices, on the application on oath of any infirm and indigent person, may remit in whole or in part his statute labour for the year such application be so made, provided that the real estate referred to in this Section shall be situate in the Parish in which the owner thereof resides.

18. All divided or undivided estates of females, minors, and non-residents, shall be assessed in the same ratio as the estates of residents, to be levied and collected as other Parish and County rates, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Parish in which such estate is situate, in proportion to the assessment

made on such estate, to be by them applied in repairing the roads or streets in such Parishes.

19. The Commissioners in each Parish shall by the first day of May in each year, make a list of the inhabitants of such Parish, and assess the number of days to be performed by them respectively, according to the best of their judgment, and shall advertise the same in the most public place of said Parish; each Commissioner shall divide his district into as many sub-districts as there are Surveyors, and shall furnish the Surveyors in the respective sub-districts with a list of inhabitants liable to work in such sub-districts, and the number of days' work to be done by each, and shall within fifteen days direct the said Surveyors where the work shall be done; the Surveyors to direct the work. The Commissioners shall add to their lists the names of the persons that may come to reside in their respective Parishes after the said first day of May, except as before excepted, and assess the number of days' work to be performed by each, unless they produce a certificate of the performance of, or their liability to do statute labour in some other Parish.

20. The Commissioners of any Parish or District may, previous to the commencement of the labour, receive from any person assessed to perform such labour, the sum of two shillings and six pence for each day's labour required, in lieu of the labour; and the moneys so paid, as well as the forfeitures under this Act, shall be laid out by such Commissioner or Commissioners on the roads and bridges between the first day of May and October in each year, first giving six days' public notice by advertisement within the Parish or District, of the time and place they intend to expend the same, and let out the work by public auction to the lowest bidder.

21. The Surveyor when directed by the Commissioner shall, at the most suitable time between the first days of May and August in each year, summon the inhabitants, giving at least six days' notice to each person liable to work, either by personal service, or leaving it at his house, or by publishing the same by notice in writing in three of the most public places in the sub-district, which shall contain the names, the number of days' work by each respectively, and the implements to be used by each; they shall expend the labour in making or improving the roads and bridges in the best manner, subject to the orders of the Commissioners, and they may call on any person in their sub-district having any wagon, cart, truck, plough or harrow, oxen or horses, to furnish the same, with a competent driver, and shall allow him three days' labour for one.

22. Every Surveyor, on oath, before the tenth day of August in each year, shall deliver to the Commissioners a return of the names of the persons in his sub-district liable to perform statute labour, the number of days' work performed by each, and the delinquency.

23. Every person when required by any Commissioner shall, within twenty four hours, give him a statement in writing of all persons residing in his house, or in his employ, liable to perform statute labour, and any person neglecting to give such statement, or giving a false one, shall pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered in the name of any one of the Commissioners of the Parish or District, when recovered to be paid to the Commissioners, and applied to making and repairing the roads.

24. The Surveyor, within six days after the neglect of any person duly notified to appear and labour, or pay the commu-