

VIII. And be it further enacted, that in all cases where it shall be found necessary, by the said Commissioners to alter the direction of any Road or Highway, so that the ground it formerly occupied, shall become unnecessary for public purposes, that then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required to dispose of the said ground; and to that end, to cause a Jury to be summoned by a warrant under their hands and seals, to estimate the value thereof, and the choice of first buying the same according to such valuation, shall be given to the owner of the lands adjoining on each side of the said Road; but in case the lands shall belong to different owners, that then it shall be equally divided between them, if they shall be disposed to purchase the same and the monies arising from such sale, shall be applied towards indemnifying the Owner or Owners of the lands, as such Road or Highway may pass through by such new direction and such sale so made shall be deemed valid and legal in all Courts of Law and Equity within this Province.

IX. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners for the time being, shall and may as they shall judge proper and necessary, divide their respective Parishes, or Townships into Divisions, which they shall allot to the Overseers of the Highway, and the said Overseers, shall superintend, repair and keep in order, the Highways, Roads, Streets & Bridges, in their several Divisions, and the said Commissioners or the major part of them, may from time to time, order any Overseer to work upon any Road or Highway within his division, as they shall think necessary, and the said Overseer shall within ten days after having received such order, summon such persons within his division, as are obliged to perform duty or labour, and set them to work on such part of the Road or Highway as they shall be directed to amend or lay out, & shall direct all persons performing labour on the said Highways & Roads, to destroy as much as may be in their power all burrs, thistles, and other weeds, that are hurtful to the purposes of husbandry, and in case of any wilful neglect, every person neglecting or refusing to obey such orders, shall be subject to the like penalty as if he had been a wilful defaulter for that day, or for such time as he shall have so neglected or refused, and if any Overseer shall refuse or neglect to summon such persons as aforesaid, and to set them to work on such Road or Highway, as he shall be directed to lay out or amend, he shall for every such neglect or refusal, forfeit the sum of twenty shillings to be recovered in manner herein after to be set forth.

X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Overseers for every Parish, or Township, shall severally make out and keep a list, of every person who is Owner of a Car, Cart, or team within their division, and likewise of all the Inhabitants of such division, who are liable under the directions of this Act, to work upon the Highways, which list shall be subscribed by the said Overseers respectively, and delivered into the Commissioners of the Division to which they belong, within twenty days after they shall have been appointed Overseers as aforesaid, and the said Overseers for every Parish or Township, and each of them shall carefully and diligently collect the several compositions, forfeitures, penalties and sums of money directed and allowed to be received and taken within the same by virtue of this Act, within the year for which he is appointed Overseer, and shall also keep one or more book or books, containing an account of the duty or labour done, compounded for, or unperformed by every person liable to discharge the same, and also a just true & fair account to be verified on Oath if required (which Oath the Justices are hereby authorized to administer) of all such money as shall have come to his hands in respect of such Parish, or Township, by virtue of and for the purposes of this Act, and to whom and on what occasion he shall have paid and applied the same, and also of the sums of money, that shall then remain due and owing, from any person or persons in respect of the payments, compositions, penalties, and forfeitures to be taken and received, for and in respect of the said Highways by virtue of this Act, which book or books, shall be delivered into the Commissioners of acting within their respective Divisions at