

Since the above period several laws have been passed, and they are so numerous, that it is very difficult to put them all in force : all that can be well understood of them is, that every inhabitant is not only bound to make and keep in repair his front road across the whole of his land, but also to work at the routes or by-roads, at the public bridges, at water courses, at bridges across swamps, &c. &c. &c.

There are a number of officers appointed to put in force the laws concerning roads in our parishes ; and if these same laws were applied to the roads in the Townships, we should not meet with so many inconveniences, occasioned by the negligence of the extensive proprietors.

**WATERS.**—It is a matter of right that the Low Lands must bear with the waters of the upper ones, that they must facilitate the course of the said waters, and not deprive the inhabitants that are below of the use of it.

The difficulties that shall arise in regard thereto, shall be settled by noninterested experts, named by consent of the parties, or appointed by a judge, who shall draw a *procès verbal*, thereof, and to which the parties must submit to avoid disagreeable consequences and sometimes their ruin.

**INSINUATIONS.**—It is the interest of the inhabitants to know that they are obliged to take to the office of insinuations of their respective districts, all deeds of donations, within four months from their date, or at least during the life of the donors, under pain of the said donation becoming void.

### 3D PART, OF OFFICERS AND PUBLIC OFFICES.

**MILITIA.**—The law that creates the greatest number of officers, duties, and public officers is, without contradiction, the militia act.

The first concessions in sief were given under the special condition of the tuition and defense of the country, and in consequence the militia act declares that every man from the age of 18 to 60 is a militia man.

His service in time of peace, by the last act, consists in attending one yearly review, but in time of war or danger, he is bound to effective military duty, under severe penalties against the offenders, of which every one ought to take cognizance not to be exposed and avoid the dishonour that is incurred by those who try to avoid that obligation