

shall be liable to labour upon the highways, &c. and the proportion of such labour shall be regulated by the amount of the assessment or rate directed to be levied, that is to say, that a day's labour shall be required and performed of and by every person so liable as aforesaid, for every penny whereof the said assessment shall consist, provided always that it shall and may be lawful for every person so disposed, to compound for the same by the payment at any time in the month of June in every year, of the sum of five pence for every day's labour so to be performed.

No person, who shall have contributed and paid his due proportion to the assessment, shall be called upon to perform or pay, or shall be liable to perform the personal labour or pay the composition money aforesaid, in respect of the said highways, roads, &c.

The personal contribution or labour herein before mentioned shall not be required of or from any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier of any regiment or corps in Garrison in the said city for the time being, unless that any such officer be upon the Staff of the Army serving in the Province or upon the Staff of the Garrison.

It shall be lawful for the Justices in any General or Special Sessions of the Peace held in said city, to grant abatement or exemption in favor of persons liable to the said labour, not being liable to contribute by assessment of property, on satisfactory proof being produced by certificate from the established clergymen of the city respectively, or from the Captain of the Company of Militia to which such person shall belong, that such person or persons are burthened with families of young children, or that they have within the last twelve months laboured under sickness or infirmities,