

and Six-pence per Day has been allowed to Overseers, the High Road Business has languished beyond whatever it did before, and that the very small Funds of the Island have thereby been subjected to a large and un-availing Burden : to remedy which in Time coming,

Governor, &c. empowered to appoint Persons to be Overseers of High Ways.

Persons refusing to accept of such Appointment, or who after having accepted shall neglect to do their Duty therein, to forfeit 40s.

Mode of Recovery.

Application of Penalties.

Proviso.

Persons keeping a Cart, &c. to send the same with two Oxen, &c. for 3 days yearly, to work, &c. Eight Hours allowed to compleat each Day's Work.

Dispensing Power in Overseers.

All Persons from 16 to 60 (Ferry-men and Slaves excepted) not having Carts, &c. to be provided with necessary Implements, and to work 4 Days or 32 Hours annually.

Proviso.

Persons not performing their Duty to forfeit 4s. for every Days Neglect.

Justice empowered to summon Delinquent and to hear and determine thereupon.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That from and after the Publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, with the advice of his Majesty's Council, annually to nominate and appoint such and so many Persons as they shall think proper, to be Overseers of the High Ways in the different Districts of this Island. And any Person being so nominated and appointed, and who shall refuse to accept of the said Appointment, or having accepted, shall neglect to do his Duty therein, shall forfeit for every such Refusal or Neglect, *Forty Shillings* ; the same to be recovered by Complaint or Information, before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing within the same County : And which Penalties and Forfeitures are hereby directed to be applied towards making and repairing the High-Ways of that District where such Penalties may have been incurred.

II. *Provided always,* That no Person shall be liable to be appointed Overseer oftener than once in every five Years. And that no Overseer shall be compelled to oversee more than Twenty Men.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That every Person in this Island, keeping a Cart, Team, or Truck, shall send, if so directed by the Overseer of the District within which he resides, or a Cart, Team, or Truck, together with two Oxen, or two Horses and one able Man for three Days in every Year, to work on the High-Ways, Streets or Bridges, within the District where he resides ; Eight Hours being allowed to compleat each Day's Work.

IV. *Provided always,* That when in the Judgment of the Overseer the Labour of Men will be more useful than that of Cattle, all Persons liable to send Cart, Team, or Truck, as aforesaid, shall, instead thereof send two Men for three Days, or One Man for Six Days or Forty-Eight Hours, to labour on the Roads ; which said Labour shall complete his yearly Statute Labour.

V. And all male Persons from the age of sixteen to sixty Years of Age, Ferry-Men and Slaves only excepted, not possessing Cart, Team or Truck, shall, when appointed or required thereto, either himself or by some Person in his Place, and provided with such necessary Implement as may be directed by the Overseer of the District, work for the space of Four Days or Thirty-two Hours in every Year, on the said High-Ways, Streets or Bridges, wherein they respectively reside. *Provided,* that one Day's Work shall not be above Twelve Hours.

VI And all Persons neglecting or not attending to perform the said Duty faithfully and to the Satisfaction of the respective Overseers, shall forfeit four Shillings for every day's Neglect. And any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this Island is hereby impowered and required, on Complaint made to him by the said Overseer of the High-Ways, or any of them, to summon the Person so neglecting, to appear before him, to hear and determine the Case. And which Summons, so to be issued, shall be under the Hand and Seal of the said Justice, in the words following, to wit :

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