

fit, by paying to the said Overseer, at the time and in the manner herein after mentioned, the sum of six shillings for each carriage, team and driver for each day, and that every Freeholder or Housholder liable to perform such duty or labour as above-said, shall and may compound for the use if he shall think fit, by paying to the Overseer the sum of three shillings, for and in lieu of every such day's, duty or labour respectively at the time and in the manner herein after directed. Provided always, that upon application to be signed by any two or more neighbouring Housholders to any two of His Majesty's Justices made by any person having four children under the age of fourteen years, and not possessing more than two hundred acres of land, it shall & may be lawful for the said Justices by an order under their hands and seals to lessen the duty or labour of such persons according to the discretion of the said Justices.

XIV. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted that the Overseers of every Parish, Township or Place, shall on or before the third Sunday in the Month of March cause public written notice to be given in the Church or Chapel of such Parish, Township or Place, and if there be no Church or Chapel then at the most public place of meeting therein, of the time and place, when and where, persons permitted under the authority of this act, and inclined to compound for the said duty, may signify such their intention to the said Overseers, and all and every person signifying the same, who shall then or within the space of one Calendar Month after the date of such notice pay to the Overseer of his Division the composition authorized and allowed by this Act, shall be discharged from the performance of such duty, and the said composition money shall be employed by the Commissioners for the use of the Highways, but in case the said composition money be not paid within one Month the parties neglecting to pay the same shall be considered defaulters, and shall be liable to the same forfeitures as they who shall make wilful default. Provided always and be it enacted, that if it shall appear to the Justice at any special Sessions for the Roads to be holden, that from the liberty herein before given for compounding for the performance of the statute duty, there will be a difficulty in procuring the necessary carriages and teams in any particular Parish, Township or place within their respective divisions, without paying high and extravagant prices for the same, it shall and may be lawful for such Justices to order and direct the team duty hereby required or so much thereof as they shall think fit to be performed in kind, in such Parish, Township, or place except in respect of such teams as belong to persons not possessing more than two hundred acres of land within the same, and that it shall and may be lawful for such Justices in those Parishes, Townships or places where the price of daily labour exceeds the sum of three shillings, to order and direct the persons so exempted from performing the team duty to perform the labour upon the said Highways in person, which order shall supersede the power or liberty of compounding for labour any thing herein before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

XV. And whereas the monies that may arise by fines and compositions may not be sufficient for purchasing materials and other necessities for erecting and building Bridges, and making such other improvements on the public Roads as cannot be accomplished by the ordinary statute labour; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that where the major part of the Commissioners of the Highways, acting within any Division, shall be of opinion that a further sum will be wanting to undertake any particular work of manifest general advantage on the public Highway, that they may certify the same by a writing subscribed with their names, to the Justices of the Peace, in General Quarter Sessions assembled within their respective Districts, and may report to them an estimate of the additional sum that may be required to compleat such work, and if it shall appear to the major part of the Jus-