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some special Sessions to be holden for that purpose, in the month of March in every year, and if any Overseer, shall neglect or refuse to deliver such account, or to make such Oath if required, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered and applied in manner herein after mentioned.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Roads and Highways, in and through every Parish, Township or reputed Township shall be cleared, repaired and maintained by the Inhabitants thereof, and that every person being a Housholder or Freeholder, shall either in person or by a sufficient man in his stead, be obliged to work on the Roads, and shall have and bring with him, one spade, pike-axe, bar, or such other tool or instrument useful for the purposes aforesaid, as shall be directed, for and during any space of time not exceeding twelve days in every year, allowing eight hours to each days work, and that every person within each Parish, or Township, keeping a Cart, Plough, Wain, Waggon, or Team of two Horses, Oxen or Beasts of draught, used to draw the same, shall send on every day to be appointed by the said Overseer, a Cart, Wain Waggon and Team, and one able man to drive the same, for any space of time not exceeding six several days in every year, to work on the Highways, Roads, Streets, or Bridges, allowing eight hours to each days work, which said days work shall be held and taken as equivalent to two days personal labour, and if any labourer or driver shall refuse to work and labour, or to carry proper and sufficient loads during the time above mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for the said Overseer to discharge such labourer, or driver team and cart, and to receive from the said labourer, or driver or from the Owner of such team and cart the forfeiture which every such person or persons would have incurred by virtue of this Act, in case such labourer had not attended, or such team cart and driver had not been sent.

XII. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each Overseer shall from time to time give to every person, or leave, or cause to be left at the house or usual place of abode of every person within his Division liable to perform the duty and labour by this act directed, three days notice at least of the day, hour, and place upon which each of the said day's duty shall be performed; and every person possessed of a Wain, Waggon, Cart, Carriage or Team, having been duly summoned as aforesaid, and not having paid such composition as herein after is mentioned, who shall make default in sending such Carriage and Team with an able man to drive the same, or in performing the said duty, at the time and place to be notified to him in manner aforesaid, shall for every such default forfeit & pay the sum of ten shillings; & that every Housholder or Freeholder liable to such personal labour as aforesaid, having been duly summoned, & not having paid such composition as herein after is mentioned, who shall not appear or send a sufficient man in his stead with such tool or instrument, at such time and place as by the said notice shall be directed; shall forfeit & pay for every such default the sum of five shillings, all which forfeitures shall be applied to the use of the Highways of the Parish, or Township respectively, in which such default shall have been made, and the said Overseers shall fairly and equally demand and require such duty and labour from every person liable to perform the same, according to the directions of this Act, without favor or partiality, to any person or persons whatsoever, except in the cases of poor persons herein after mentioned, and every Overseer shall and may and is hereby required with all convenient speed after default made as aforesaid, to proceed for the recovery of the penalties and forfeitures hereby inflicted, in manner herein after directed, so that the same may be recovered before he makes up his accounts in the manner directed by this Act.

XIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that any person liable to perform the said duty, by sending a carriage, cart and team with a driver to the same in manner aforesaid, shall and may compound for such duty, if he or she shall think