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crosses, or shall cross, and have erected, or shall erect, any dam for such mill or mills, such person or persons, or the owner, possessor or occupier, of such mill or mills, shall be and they are hereby obliged to make the top of the said dam twelve feet wide at the least, and make good and substantial bridges over the waste and race of the said mills and dams twelve feet wide, and the same keep in good repair; and if the owner or owners, possessor or occupier, of any such mill or mills, shall refuse or neglect to do what is by this act required, and shall be thereof legally convicted, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each neglect or offence, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

Damages,
when to be
paid.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted,* That where any damages shall be allowed to any person or persons for opening any public road through his, her, or their land, the payment shall not be made until the road be actually laid out and opened.

Supervisors
not to work
with less
than eight
labourers.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted,* That no supervisor shall proceed to work on any public road with a less number of able-bodied labourers than eight, unless it be for removing some fallen trees, or other obstruction, on forfeiture of his wages for the time that a less number shall be employed, to be deducted out of his allowance by the levy court.

Levy court
to contract
for opening
roads.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted,* That the justices of the levy court aforesaid shall have full power to contract with any person or persons for the opening or clearing any road hereafter laid out in Kent county, and for the improving and keeping in repair any road, or such part thereof as, in their judgment, shall seem most advisable and for the interest of the county; and where any person or persons shall contract for the keeping in repair of any public road in virtue of this act, and shall neglect to keep the same in such repair as it is the duty of the supervisors by law to do, then such person or persons, so contracting, shall be subject to the same penalties as supervisors of public roads in Kent county in like cases are, to be recovered and applied in the same manner; and every person or persons so contracting with the justices of the levy court for Kent county shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as the justices of the levy court shall approve of, and in such sum or penalty as they shall require, for the performance of such contract, and such contractors shall have and exercise all the powers which supervisors of public roads in Kent county may have by virtue of this act, except the powers given to supervisors by the eighteenth section of this act.

An act
repealed.
* Ch. 81.

SEC. 26. *And be it enacted,* That the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine,* entitled, an act relating to the public roads in Kent county, be and the same is hereby repealed.