

every Master of Servants, that being summoned or warned, shall refuse to send all his taxable Male Servants to the Overseer aforesaid, he or they shall be fined (that is to say) every Labourer One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and the said Master, for every Servant warn'd, and not sent, One hundred Pounds of Tobacco: And the Clerk of the County is hereby obliged to issue out Warrants to the Overseers appointed, upon Penalty of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and the Sheriffs of each respective County are to deliver the same to the several and respective Overseers, as aforesaid, *ex Officio*, on Penalty of One thousand Pounds of Tobacco in Cask; the one Half of all which Fines shall be employ'd and disposed of towards the Defraying the County Charge, in such manner as the Commissioners of each respective County shall, in their Discretion, think convenient; the other Half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in Her Majesty's Name, for the Use aforesaid, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed: And that all the Roads that lead to any Ferries, Court-house of any County, or to any Church, or leading through any County to the Port of *Annapolis*, shall be marked on both Sides the Road with Two Notches, if the Road leads to *Annapolis*; the Road that leads there, at the leaving the other Road, shall be marked on the Face of the Tree, in a smooth Place cut for that Purpose, with the Letters *A A*, set on with a Pair of Marking Irons, and colour'd, and so with Two Notches all along the Road; and where at any Place it leaves any other Road, it shall be distinguished again with the Mark aforesaid on the Face of the Tree with a Pair of Marking Irons, and coloured as aforesaid: And any Road on the Eastern Shore in *Talbot* County, that leads to the Port of *William-Stadt*, at the Entering into the same, and upon parting with, or dividing from any other Road, shall be marked on the Face of a Tree, in a smooth Place cut for that Purpose, with the Letter *W*, and so with Two Notches all along the Road; and the Roads that lead to any County Court House shall have Two Notches on the Trees on both Sides of the Road, as aforesaid, and another Notch at a Distance above the other Two: And any Road that leads to a Church, shall be marked at the Entrance into the same, and at the leaving any other Road, with a Slip cut down the Face of the Tree near the Ground: And any Road leading to a Ferry, and dividing from the other Publick Roads, shall be marked with Three Notches of equal Distance, at the Entrance into the same. And these Rules and Methods the several Justices of the County Courts shall, from time to time, give in Charge to the Overseers of the Highways, by them to be appointed for that Purpose; who are likewise enjoyned carefully and strictly to observe and perform the same, under the Penalty aforesaid.

A N D when any Road shall lead through any Seated Plantation or Old Fields, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several and respective Overseers, within their several and respective Precincts, do set up Posts, so many as may be perceived from one to the other; which Posts shall be marked and notched according to the Place they lead to, as before in this Act, for the Marking and Notching of Roads, have been appointed; and that the Posts of all Gates, through which any such Road shall lead, as aforesaid, be marked and notched, as aforesaid, under the Penalty aforesaid; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the said Overseers shall, from time to time, as often as Occasion shall require, fell all dead Trees on each Side of all main Roads, where Limbs hang over, to prevent any Damage that may happen by their falling on Travellers.

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