

their respective Counties and appoint Overseers who shall clear or cause any such passages of the Governour and Council on penalty of five hundred pounds of Tobacco; and neglect to clear the Roads so as aforesaid, by the Overseer, and every Master of Servants that he shall be fined, that is to say, every Labourer one hundred pounds of Tobacco, and the said Master for every servant warned and not sent on his way warrants to the Overseer appointed, upon penalty of one thousand pounds of Tobacco, and the Sheriffs of each respective Countys are to deliver the same to the severall and respective Overseers so appointed as aforesaid, *ex Officio*, on penalty of one thousand pounds of Tobacco in Cash, the one half of all which fines shall be employed 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 his Majesty's Name for the use aforesaid, by Bill Plaint or Information in any Court of Record within this Province, wherein no Essoyn, Protection or Wager of Law to be allowed. And that all Roads that lead to any Ferrys, 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 leades 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 coloured red with two notches all along the Road, and where at any place it leaves any other road shall be again distinguished 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 Shoar in Talbot County that leads to the Port of *Witamsteadt*, 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 the road as aforesaid, and another notch 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 & dividing from other publick roads shall be marked with three notches of equal distance at the entrance into the same; and these rules & methods the severall Justices of the County Courts shall from time to time give in charge to the Overseers of the high ways 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, and where 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 severall and respective Overseers within their severall & 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 roads shall lead as aforesaid, be marked and notched as aforesaid, under the penalty aforesaid, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act concerning the height of Fences and to punish burners thereof, and also to restrain the multiplicity of Mares and Horses.

WHEREAS divers people within this Province have and do make insufficient Fences about their Corn Fields, whereby Cattle and Horses are apt to get in and destroy the Corn there planted, for prevention whereof for the future, this present General Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted,