

same, and deliver a copy thereof, with the amount of tax on each annexed, to the collector of the county taxes, to be by him collected and accounted for as other taxes.

179. Any person who shall neglect or refuse to make such return, and shall continue to keep up such gate, shall forfeit all protection under and right to the privileges secured by this law.

180. If any person shall cut down, destroy, wilfully leave fixed open or remove any gate on any such road, he shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, forfeit and pay to the owner thereof a sum not less than one nor exceeding ten dollars for every offence, to be recovered as small debts are out of court.

181. If any slave shall cut down, destroy, injure or wilfully leave fixed open any gate on any public road erected and returned as aforesaid, he shall, on conviction before a justice of the peace, be punished by whipping on his bare back not exceeding, in the discretion of the justice, ten lashes; but the master of such slave, or any other person in his behalf, may redeem such slave from said punishment by payment of the fine imposed by the last preceding section.

182. No person, free or slave, shall be punished under this law in any case where such gate shall be found carelessly standing open, not hung upon good iron hinges, or otherwise in bad order and repair.

183. The owner of any land in district number six in said county near the store house of Samuel Dunnoek may erect a gate on the public road thereby, and shall keep the same in proper condition under the direction of the supervisor of said road, and if the gate be out of repair, the supervisor shall notify him of the fact, and if he fail to repair said gate within twenty days after such notice, the privilege hereby conferred shall be forfeited and the overseer shall remove such gate.

184. The county commissioners of Dorchester county shall levy a tax of one dollar and fifty cents for each year said gate shall be kept upon said road, to be collected from the owner of said lands.