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house of Hunt and Converse, 50 barrels
pork, 2,000 pounds lard and 20 kegs of lard,
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saddles, bridles, halters, martingals, whips
and lashes, which will be sold unusually low
by
SMITH & CROWELL,
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MAUMEE CITY, OHIO, SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1837.

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OHIO LAWS.

AN ACT prescribing the duties of Supervi-
sors, and relating to Roads and Highways.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General
Assembly of the State of Ohio, That all
male persons, between twenty-one and
sixty years of age, who have resided
three months in this State, and who are
not a township charge, shall be liable,
yearly and every year, to do and per-
form two days' work on the public roads,
under the direction of the supervisor,
within whose district they may respecti-
vely reside.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of
every supervisor to order out every such
person, resident as aforesaid, between
the first day of April and the first day
of October, annually, to do and perform
the work aforesaid, on the public roads
within his district; and if any such re-
sident, being personally warned by the
supervisor, or by leaving a written no-
tice at his usual place of abode, or by
some person under the direction of the
supervisor, by whom such warning can
be proven, shall refuse or neglect, hav-
ing had at least three days notice, to at-
tend by himself or substitute, to the ac-
ceptance of the supervisor, on the day,
and at the time and place directed by the
supervisor; or having attended, shall
refuse to obey the directions of the su-
pervisor, or shall spend the time in idleness
or inattention to the duties assigned
him, every such delinquent shall forfeit
and pay for neglect to attend, or for any
of the offences above specified, the sum
of one dollar, to be recovered by action
of debt, before any justice of the peace,
of the proper township, at the suit of
the supervisor, within whose district
such delinquent may reside; and the
money so collected shall be applied by
said supervisor to the improvement of
the roads in his district, and accounted
for by him, at the annual settlement with
the trustees of his township.

Sec. 3. That in case any person shall
remove from one district to another, who
has, prior to such removal, performed
the whole, or any part of the labor aforesaid,
or in other respects has paid the whole,
or any part of the amount aforesaid,
in lieu of such labor, and shall pro-
duce a certificate of the same, from the
supervisor of the proper district, such
certificate shall be a complete discharge
for the amount therein specified.

Sec. 4. That every person called upon
to perform any labor upon the public
roads and highways, under any of the
provisions of this act, shall appear at the
place appointed by the supervisors at
the hour of seven o'clock in the forenoon
with such necessary tools or implements,
as said supervisor may direct; and the
supervisor may, if necessary for the im-
provement of the roads, order any per-
son owning the same, to furnish a team
of horses or oxen, and wagon, cart,
scraper, or plough, to be employed and
used on the roads, under the direction
of said supervisor, who shall allow such
person a reasonable compensation for the
use of such team; wagon, cart, scraper,
or plough, in discharge of any labor or
tax, due from said person.

Sec. 5. That all persons who may be
deemed by the supervisor unable to per-
form, or cause to be performed, the two
days work required by this act, shall be
exempted from the requisitions of the
same.

Sec. 6. That whenever it shall hap-
pen, in consequence of sickness, absence
from home, or any other cause, that the
two days labor aforesaid shall not be
performed within the time specified in
this act, the supervisor shall be author-
ized to require the performance of such
work, at any other time: *Provided*,
Such delinquent may discharge the same,
by paying to the supervisor one dollar
and fifty cents; who shall appropriate
it, agreeably to the second section of
this act.

Sec. 7. That the trustees of town-
ships shall, on the first Monday of
March, annually, divide their respective
townships into suitable and convenient
road districts, and if the same have not
heretofore been so divided, cause a brief
description of the same to be entered on
the township records, and also cause
each supervisor to be furnished with a
rough plat of his district; and in case
any public road shall be established as
a part of the line or boundary of any town-
ship, the trustees in the adjoining town-
ships shall meet at some convenient
place, as soon after the first Monday of
March, as convenient, and apportion
such road or roads, between the two
townships, as justice and equity may re-
quire, for the purpose of opening and
improving the same; and the super-
visors and inhabitants of each township
shall be bound to work on said road or
roads accordingly.

Sec. 8. That the several supervisors,
within their respective districts, shall
collect by suit, or otherwise, all fines,
forfeitures and penalties, arising and ac-
cruing under the provisions of this act,
unless the collection thereof is otherwise
herein provided for, and shall expend the

same for the benefit of the roads and
highways in the proper districts by the
supervisors collecting the same; and
every supervisor is hereby required to
account to the trustees of the township,
at the annual settlement, for all moneys
by him expended, under this act; and
all fines and forfeitures sued for, and re-
covered, under the provisions of this
act, by a supervisor, shall be paid over
within twenty days, by the justice of the
peace, or constable, under this act; and
to the supervisor of such road district,
wherein such fine or forfeiture accrued,
and by him applied to the use of repair-
ing the public roads in said district; and
if any person shall be sued for doing or
performing any act or thing required or
authorized by this act, such person may
plead the general issue, and give this act
and the special matter in evidence; and
no suit or action shall be brought or
maintained, unless it shall have com-
menced within six months after the cause
of such action shall have arisen: *Provi-
ded*, That nothing in this section shall be
so construed as to prevent the trustees
of any township from collecting or re-
covering any moneys, in the hands of the
supervisors of roads and highways.

Sec. 9. That it shall be the duty of
each and every supervisor, to open, or
cause to be opened, all public roads and
highways which shall have been, or may
hereafter be laid out and established
through any part of the district assigned
to such supervisor; the same to keep
in repair, and remove, or cause to be re-
moved, all obstructions that may from
time to time, be found thereon; for
which purpose the supervisors are here-
by authorized to enter upon any uncul-
tivated lands, unencumbered by a crop,
near or adjoining the public roads; to
cut and carry away any timber; to dig,
or cause to be dug and carried away,
any gravel, sand or stone, which may be
necessary to improve or repair said
road; and to enter on any lands adjoining
or lying near the road; to make such
drains or ditches through the same, as
they may deem necessary for the benefit
of the roads, doing as little injury to said
lands and timber, as the nature of the
case and the public good will permit;
and the drains and ditches so made, shall
be kept open by said supervisors if nec-
essary, and shall not be obstructed by
the owner or occupier of such lands, or
any other person or persons, under the
penalty of forfeiting a sum, not exceed-
ing ten dollars for each and every of-
fence, to be recovered and appropriated
as is provided for, in the eighth section
of this act.

Sec. 10. That if any person shall ob-
struct any public road or highway, au-
thorized by any law of this State, and
suffer such obstruction to remain to the
hindrance or inconvenience of travellers,
every person so offending, shall, for ev-
ery such offence, forfeit and pay any
sum, not exceeding twenty dollars, nor
less than two dollars, and shall also be
liable for all damages arising from such
obstruction or injury to such road, or
any person or persons travelling on the
same; to be recovered by an action of
debt, at the suit of any supervisor or
other person suing for the same, before
any justice of the peace within the coun-
ty where such offence was committed,
or by indictment in the court of common
pleas of the proper county; which fines
when collected, shall be paid into the
hands of the supervisor, in whose dis-
trict the offence was committed, and
by him to be applied and accounted for,
agreeably to the provisions of this act;
and for every twenty-four hours such
person or persons, shall suffer such ob-
struction to remain to the hindrance and
inconvenience of travellers, such person
or persons shall be deemed guilty of an
additional offence, against the provisions
of this act; and all streets and alleys in
towns, which are, or may be laid out
agreeably to law, shall be, and the same
are hereby declared public highways, for
every purpose whatever: *Provided*,
That the municipal authorities of any
incorporated town or village, may make,
ordain, and enforce such laws and ordi-
nances, concerning the side-walks of the
streets within such town, as shall be
deemed necessary to prevent such side-
walks from being used for the passage
of horses, wagons, or other carriages, or
for hitching or standing horses, or other
animals thereon.

Sec. 11. That whenever any public
road may be injured or destroyed by the
washing of any lake, river or creek, it
shall be the duty of the trustees of the
township in which such injury or loss of
road shall have occurred, upon petition
of any six freeholders of the township,
to call to their aid a competent surveyor,
and proceed to examine such road, as
may have been thus injured or destroy-
ed; and it upon such examination, said
trustees, or a majority of them, shall be
satisfied that such road has been destroy-
ed, or so much injured that the public
good requires an alteration of the same,
they shall proceed to alter and lay out
so much of the new road, as may

supply the several parts of the road thus
destroyed or injured; and the said trust-
ees and surveyor shall make a report of
their doings, in the manner pointed out
as the duty of the viewer and surveyor,
in the fourth section of the act for open-
ing and regulating roads and highways,
passed March 14th, 1831; and the au-
ditor and commissioners of the proper
county, shall be governed in the recep-
tion and recording of said report, as is
prescribed in the aforesaid act: *Provi-
ded*, That any person or persons, through
whose lands such alteration or new road
shall be laid out, shall feel injured there-
by, may apply to the county commis-
sioners for redress, in the manner point-
ed out in the sixth section of the above
recited act.

Sec. 12. That the surveyors shall re-
ceive for each day they are necessarily
employed, under the provisions of the
eleventh section of this act, the following
compensation, to wit: surveyor one dol-
lar and fifty cents, to be paid out of the
county treasury, on the order of the
county auditor; and the trustees seven-
ty-five cents, to be paid out of the town-
ship treasury on the order of the town-
ship clerk.

Sec. 13. That if any person or per-
sons shall feel aggrieved by any super-
visor's cutting or carrying away any
timber or stone for repairing any road, or
bridge or cross-ways, they make com-
plaint thereof to the county commis-
sioners of the proper county, at any regular
meeting, within six months after the
cause of such complaint shall exist; and
the commissioners shall appoint three
disinterested freeholders of the county,
whose duty it shall be, after having taken
an oath or affirmation to discharge
their duty faithfully and impartially, to
proceed and examine the matter com-
plained of by the complainant, and as-
sess and determine the damages, if any;
and they shall report the same, in writ-
ing, to the commissioners, at their next
meeting thereafter, who shall cause the
amount aforesaid to be paid to the com-
plainant, out of the county treasury;
but if, upon view, the said freeholders
should be of opinion that there is no
grievance, or cause of complaint, then
the person or persons, so complaining,
shall pay the costs thereof.

Sec. 14. That each supervisor with-
in his district, shall erect and keep up,
at the expense of the township, at the
forks of every State and county road,
a post and guide board, or finger board,
containing an inscription in legible let-
ters, directing the way and distance, to
the town or towns, or public place or
places, situated on each road respectively.

Sec. 15. That if any person shall
willfully demolish throw down, alter
or deface any mile board or guide board
or at the fork of any public road, every
person so offending shall, upon convic-
tion thereof, before any justice of the
proper county, be fined in any sum not
exceeding ten dollars, with cost of suit;
and the money, so collected, shall be by
the justice of the peace or constable col-
lecting the same, paid over to the su-
pervisor, in whose district the offence
was committed, and be appropriated to
the repair of roads and highways, agree-
ably to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 16. That any person charged
with a road tax on the grand levy, may,
either personally or by an agent, dis-
charge the same by labor, to be perform-
ed on the road, within the proper dis-
trict within that township where such a
tax may be charged, by an able bodied
man, at the rate of seventy-five cents for
each day's work, and a rateable propor-
tion per day for any team furnished by
such person; which labor shall be per-
formed under the direction of the su-
pervisor of highways in such township, and
within the proper district; and it shall
be the duty of such supervisor to give to
any person for whose benefit such labor
was performed, a certificate to the amount
of such labor, which certificate shall
specify the amount of tax so paid in
labor, and the district and township
wherein such labor was performed; also,
so that the said work was done between
the first day of April and the first day
of October; which certificate shall in no
case be available for any greater sum
than shall be charged against such per-
son, in the district where such labor
was performed; and the treasury shall
receive such certificates as money, in
the discharge of such road tax.

Sec. 17. That the supervisors of the
highways of the several districts, shall
give three days notice to persons resi-
ding in the district charged with the road
tax mentioned in the preceding section,
and of the time and place they will at-
tend, and direct the work to be perform-
ed as aforesaid; and in case the whole
of said tax due from residents within any
district, shall not be paid in pursuance
of the first notice aforesaid, in conse-
quence of absence from home, sickness
or other inability, the supervisor shall
appoint a time that he will again attend,
and shall give notice as aforesaid to such
delinquents.

Sec. 18. That any time during the
year when any public highway shall be
obstructed by the fall of timber, or any
other cause, or any bridge shall be im-
paired, so the passage of teams or trav-
ellers on said road or bridge shall be dan-
gerous, and the supervisor in the district
in which such obstruction or impaired
bridge may exist, shall be notified of the
same, it shall be his duty to cause such
obstruction to be removed, or bridge re-
paired forthwith; for which purpose he
shall immediately order out such number
of inhabitants of his district as he may
deem necessary to remove said obstruc-
tions, or to repair said bridge.

Sec. 19. That each and every person,
so ordered out, who shall, after having
one day's notice, refuse or neglect to at-
tend with their proper implements,
wherewith to labor, at the time and
place appointed by the supervisor, or
having attended shall refuse to obey the
directions of the supervisor, or shall
spend the time in idleness or inattention
to the duties assigned him, every such
delinquent or delinquents shall forfeit
and pay the sum of one dollar for every
such offence; to be recovered, paid over,
accounted for, and appropriated agree-
ably to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 20. That in all cases where any
person shall, under the direction of the
supervisor, perform more labor on the
public road than may be due from him,
the supervisor shall give such person a
certificate, specifying the amount of ex-
tra labor so performed; which certificate
shall be assignable, and received for the
amount specified in such certificate, in
discharge of any labor within the same
district, which may be due from the holder
of such certificate, in any succeeding
year, under the provisions of this act: *Provi-
ded*, That the two preceding sections
shall not be so construed as to authorize
any supervisor to order out or direct any
person to perform more than one day's
work in any one year, over and above the
amount of labor due from such person,
agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 21. That the trustees of town-
ships shall meet at the place of holding
annual elections, on the first Monday of
March at which time and place the sev-
eral supervisors of the township shall at-
tend, and produce his list and account of
all labor performed within their respec-
tive districts agreeably to the provisions
of this act, together with a statement of
the amount of all fines, penalties and for-
feiture by him collected; also the amount
by him expended, in accordance
with the same; and the trustees are here-
by authorized and required to adjust and
settle all accounts so produced by them,
and to allow such amount for delinque-
ncies as they may deem just and reason-
able; and if upon a fair and accurate set-
tlement, there shall appear to be a bal-
ance due to any supervisor for his ser-
vices under this act, the trustees shall
give him an order on the township treas-
urer for the amount due, at the rate of
one dollar per day for the time he may
have been employed: *Provided*, That
the supervisors shall in all cases, be held
accountable for the full amount and the
faithful application of labor due in his dis-
trict, unless for good cause shown, the
trustees shall deem it just to remit the
same.

Sec. 22. That if, upon settlement with
the township trustees, at their annual
meeting for that purpose, there shall be
any unexpended money in the hands of
any supervisor, which has been collected
under the provisions of this act, he shall
pay the same over to his successor
in office, taking his receipt for the amount
thereof; which receipt shall lodge with
the township treasurer.

Sec. 23. That each and every super-
visor who shall neglect or refuse to per-
form the several duties enjoined on him
by this act, or who shall, under any pre-
text whatever, give or sign any receipt
or certificate purporting to be a receipt
or certificate for labor or work perform-
ed, or for money paid, unless the labor
shall have been performed, or tax paid
prior to the giving or signing such re-
ceipt or certificate; every supervisor so
offending, shall forfeit for every such of-
fence, not less than five dollars, nor more
than fifty dollars; to be recovered by in-
dictment, in the court of common pleas,
or by action of debt, before any justice
of the peace within the township where
such supervisor may reside; and it is
hereby made the duty of the trustees of
the townships, to prosecute all offences
against the provisions of this section;
Provided, That if any supervisor shall
conceive himself aggrieved by the judg-
ment of such justice of the peace he may
on giving sufficient security to said jus-
tice, for payment of costs, appeal to a
court of common pleas, who shall make
such order thereon as to them shall ap-
pear just and reasonable: *Provided, fur-
ther*, That this section shall not be so con-
strued as to prevent any person from
prosecuting any supervisor for any of-
fence against the provisions thereof.

Sec. 24. That it shall be the duty of the
several courts of common pleas, to give

this act in charge to the grand jury, at
each successive term of such courts.

Sec. 25. That the commissioners of
each county in this State, shall, at their
annual meetings for the purpose of de-
termining the per centum necessary to
be levied, for the expenses of their respec-
tive counties, levy upon all articles
subject to taxation for State and county
purposes, a tax, for the improvement of
roads and highways, to be appropriated
agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 26. That the county commis-
sioners of any county shall not levy, in
any one year, a greater amount of road
tax than is herein specified, viz: when
the aggregate amount of taxable property
entered upon the list, shall be one mil-
lion five hundred thousand dollars, or
more, the tax shall be not less than
one and one half, nor more than two,
and one half mills on the dollar; and
when it is less than one million five
hundred thousand dollars, the road tax
shall not be less than two and one half,
nor more than four mills on the dollar: *Pro-
vided*, nothing in this section shall be so
construed as to prohibit said county com-
missioners from levying any additional
tax for road purposes, not exceeding
two mills on the dollar, that the trustees
of any township in the county may deem
necessary: *Provided, further*, that the
trustees of such township shall determine
and certify, in writing, the additional
per centum to be levied, and deliver or
cause to be delivered, the certificate aforesaid,
to the auditor of the proper
county, on or before the first Monday
of June next, in each year: *Provided*,
That the county commissioners of each
county in this state, may if they shall
deem it necessary, levy an additional
tax annually, upon the taxable property
of their respective counties, not exceed-
ing one mill and a half on the dollar;
which shall be collected in the same
manner and at the same time that state
and county taxes are collected and paid
into the county treasuries of each county;
which tax shall be applied under the di-
rection of the county commissioners ex-
clusively to the erection and repairing
of bridges within the county in which
the same shall have been levied and col-
lected.

Sec. 27. That the auditor of each
county in this State shall, immediately
after the county commissioners, at their
annual session for that purpose, shall
have determined on the amount to be as-
sessed for road purposes, in the several
townships, give notice to some newspa-
per of general circulation in that county,
of the per centum on each hundred dol-
lars of valuation so determined to be as-
sessed in each township respectively, and
that said tax may be discharged by la-
bor on the roads, under the direction of
the supervisors of the several districts,
at the rate of seventy-five cents per day;
and shall make a list for each township,
of the amount of road tax with which
each individual stands charged; inserting
nothing in such list but the name of the
person and the amount of such tax, and
deliver the same at his office, to the clerk
of the proper township.

Sec. 28. That it shall be the duty of
the township clerk, immediately after the
reception of such duplicate, upon the
presentation, by the supervisors of their
respective districts in said township, a list
of all the persons liable to perform la-
bor on the roads or highways, or subject
to taxation of the same, to make out and
deliver to each supervisor aforesaid, an
abstract duplicate of the amount of road
tax each person in said district may stand
charged with, and the supervisor shall
then proceed agreeably to the seven-
teenth section of this act.

Sec. 29. That whenever the treas-
urer of any township, shall have received
any money from the county treasur-
er, for road purposes, in such township,
he shall notify the trustees of such town-
ship of the same, who shall cause the
money so received, to be appropriated
to building bridges, or repairing the pub-
lic roads within their township; if, for
the building of a bridge or bridges, they
shall give at least twenty days notice
by advertisement posted up in five of the
most public places in said township, of
the time and place of such sale, and sell
to the lowest bidder, (if in the opinion of
the trustees, such bidder be competent
to perform the same,) such bridge or
bridges as aforesaid, as they may deem
expedient, equal to the amount of money
to be appropriated as aforesaid; and
whenever such labor shall be performed,
agreeably to contract or conditions of
the sale, the trustees, or a majority of
them, shall draw an order on the treas-
urer of the township, in favor of the
person or persons who have perform-
ed such labor, for the amount due
for the same; which order, shall be
paid by the township treasurer, on de-
mand.

Sec. 30. That if the trustees of any
township, shall deem it expedient to ap-
propriate the money aforesaid, or any
part thereof, to the improving of the pub-
lic roads and highways, they may cause
the amount thus set apart for the pur-
pose of improving any road or roads, in
the several districts in said township, to
be expended under the superintendence
of the supervisors of said district, or by
such other person as they may see prop-
er to appoint; and it shall be the duty
of the supervisor, or such other person
thus appointed, on receiving an order on
the township treasurer, to draw from