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Had I Never.

Had I never, never known thee,
Then my heart had been my own,
And the voice that now bewails thee;
Learned to breathe another tone;
Like the stars that shed their glory,
O'er a dark and troubled sea.
Or like some long remembered story,
Cherish'd art thou still to me.

Had I never, never seen thee,
With the beauty o'er thy brow;
With so many friends around thee,
Smiling all as thou art now;
I had never known the blighting,
Of a moment thus to part,
Or fled from all delighting
To a lonely broken heart.

Had I never, never lov'd thee,
With a soul entrancing pow'r;
Had I never knelt before thee,
In that bright and glorious hour:
I had never known the sorrow
That no joys can now beguile,
Or felt how cold and cheerless
'Twas to live without thy smile.

South Carolina Road Law.

The following is a complete synopsis of the road law of this State showing the duties of overseers of public highways their discretionary powers in repairing roads, and a list of exemptions from road duty.

Each township constitutes a high way district.

The county commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of highways for each highway district for which he is appointed and liable to road duty, but exempt therefrom by reason of his office. He shall have superintendence of highways in his district, under the direction of the County Commissioners, to whom he shall make a report once in three months of the condition of the roads in his district.

Each superintendent shall divide the highway in his district into suitable sections of not less than two, nor more than five miles and appoint overseers for each of said sections. He shall likewise divide all persons liable to road duty in his district into two companies or squads and assign a squad to each overseer, as far as practicable, assigning the road hands to the nearest road, and shall require the overseer to call out the hands to work the roads, repair and build bridges of same whenever he may deem it necessary, after twelve hours notice and shall require each hand to bring a hoe, axe, mattock or other tool. He shall determine the number of days for each working and the tool to be brought, provided not more than twelve days work shall be required of any hand in a year. For refusing or neglecting to carry out any work required by the County Commissioners, or any of them, the superintendent of highways shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, before a Trial Justice shall be fined not less than $10 nor more than $50. Overseers for neglecting to call out hands and work roads, when required by the Superintendent, upon conviction in trial justice court, shall be fined not less than $5, nor more than $20.

Superintendents shall jointly divide a highway running along the line of two highway districts, and shall assign hands from their respective districts to work the same. Overseers shall require their hands to do such work on bridges, as will preserve them and keep them in order, when it can be conveniently done. If bridges need such repairs as should be given out under contract, Superintendents shall report the same to the County Commissioners without delay.

When any highway shall become obstructed by storms, or otherwise, the overseer shall summon a sufficient number of hands to open and repair such highway. Any overseer failing to call out hands, for the space of a day, after application made by any citizens, shall, unless he has sufficient excuse therefore, forfeit $15, to be collected in an action in the name of the County Commissioners. Any person liable to work on highways and neglecting to turn out, on such extraordinary occasions and assist in opening and repairing such highways, after being summoned, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined $3 per day. If any person shall perform more days labor than is required by law, he shall be paid $1 per day for the overplus.

All able bodied male persons, between the ages of 16 and 50 years, are liable to road duty, except members of State County Board of of Examiners, School Trustees, members of boards of assessors, teachers and students at colleges, ministers of the gospel, millers engaged in grist or merchant mills, where they are kept open six days in the week, and the warner for five days.

The overseer shall make a list for the warner, requiring him to give notice to each person of the kind of tools to be used, which notice shall be given twelve hours before the time fixed in the notice and also state the hour and place of working. If any person, after receiving such notice shall neglect to appear or refuse to work according to the direction of the overseer, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before a trial justice, shall be fined not less than $5, nor exceeding more than $10, or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than five days nor not more than twenty days. Any person notified to work can pay the county treasure $1 per day for the time he is required to work, which shall be received in lieu thereof. Overseers shall allow 2 days labor for a man working one day and furnishing a horse and plow, or three days labor for any person working one day and furnishing a wagon and two horses or mules or oxen.

Overseers have power to cut down and use timber, or use any wood, stone or earth, in or near the highway, bridge or causeway to be repaired, necessary for that purpose, but the owner shall be entitled to compensation therefor if demanded. But no overseer shall authorize the cutting down of timber trees reserved by the owner, or planted for shade, or ornament, either in the fields around the spring, or about the dwelling-house or appurtenances, the cutting of rail timber when other timber can be procured, or the taking of stone or earth from enclosed grounds without the owner's consent.

Any person prohibiting or hindering an overseer from cutting down and using timber, or from using wood, earth, or stone, in or near roads or causeways, for the purpose of making or repairing such roads or caueways, or making such repairs of bridges, or shall obstruct the passage of said roads, causeways, or bridges, by gates, fences or ditches or any other obstruction, or shall hinder or threaten or forbid any traveler from traveling any public road, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than $5, nor more than $10.

Any person removing from one county to another, who has prior to such removal, performed road duty shall upon the production of the certificate, or receipt of the overseer of the district where he last resided, showing the labor performed, be entitled to a complete discharge for the amount therein specified.

Persons over whose lands any road, other than a public highway, shall pass, may erect gates thereon but shall be liable to be indicted for a nuisance, should he fail to keep them in good repair.

Superintendents of highways shall cause roads to be posted and numbered and a pointer placsd at each fork and for neglect of this duty, he is liable to a fine of $10.

—Keep your head cool, your feet warm and subscribe for your local newspaper.

—Don't spend more than you can borrow, and don't borrow more than you can pay promptly.

—Don't kindle the fire with kerosene unless you are prepared for a land that is fairer than this.

—If you are angry at a man count 50 before speaking: if he is a great deal bigger than you are count 460.