

annum; and at the end of every three years thereafter they shall render to the General Assembly of this state a like abstract of their accounts for the three preceding years, and if at the end of such period it shall appear from such abstract, that the clear profits and increase of the company will bear a dividend of more than ten per cent per annum, then the said tolls shall be so reduced as to reduce such dividend down to ten per centum per annum.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected at the intersection of every road falling into or leading out of said turnpike road, with boards and index hands pointing to the direction of said roads, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed in legible characters the name of the town or place where said road leads to, and the distance thereof in measured or computed miles; and also cause mile-stones to be placed on the sides of said road to designate the distance to and from the principal places thereon; and also shall cause to be affixed on the said toll-gates to be erected, for the information of travellers and others using the said road, a printed list of the rates of tolls that may from time to time be lawfully demanded.

25. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall wilfully break, deface, pull up or prostrate any mile-stone which shall be placed in pursuance of this act on the sides of the said road, or shall obliterate the letters or figures thereon, or shall wilfully break, pull down, deface or destroy, any direction post which shall be erected in pursuance of this act, at intersections of any road as aforesaid, or the board or index hand there-to, in conformity with the directions of this act, or shall obliterate the letters or figures inscribed thereon, or destroy, deface or obliterate, the letters, figures, or other characters marked at any turnpike gate which shall be erected in pursuance of this act, for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, or the whole or any part of any printed list of rules of tolls which shall be fixed in pursuance of the direction of this act at any such gate or turnpike, he, she or they, so offending in the premises, shall, and each of them shall, for every such offence, severally and respectively forfeit and pay to the said president and company a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered as other debts of the same amount, before any justice of the peace of the county where such offence may be committed.

26. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons whatsoever riding in, or driving, any sulky, chaise, chair, phaeton, cart, wagon, wain, sleigh, sled, or other carriage of pleasure or burthen; riding or leading any horse, mare, gelding, or driving any hogs, sheep or cattle, shall therewith pass through any private passage way, or other ground near to or adjoining any turnpike gate which shall be erected in pursuance of this act, with an intent to defraud the company and avoid the payment of the toll or duty for passing through any such gate or turnpike, or if any person or persons shall with such intent take off, or cause to be taken off, any horse, mare, or other cattle, from any wagon or carriage of burthen or pleasure, or practice any other fraudulent means or device, with intent that the payment of any such tolls or duties may be evaded or lessened all and every of the ways or means aforesaid

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