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Scales may be erected to ascertain weights drawn on said road.

17. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of ascertaining the weight which may be drawn along the said road in any cart, wagon or carriage of burthen, it shall and may be lawful for the said president, managers and company, to erect and establish scales and weights, at or near so many of the gates erected, or to be erected, in pursuance of this act, as they may think proper; and where there may seem reasonable cause to suspect that any cart, wagon or other carriage of burthen, carries a greater weight than is or shall be by law allowable, it shall be lawful for their toll-gatherer, or other persons in their service and employment, to prevent the same from passing such gate or turnpike, until such cart, or wagon or other carriage of burthen, shall be drawn into the said erected scales, at or near any such gate or turnpike, and the weight or burthen drawn therein ascertained by weighing; and if the person or persons driving or having care or charge of any such cart, wagon or other carriage of burthen, shall refuse to drive the same into any such scales for the purpose aforesaid, the person or persons so refusing, shall forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, a sum not less than five dollars, nor more than eight dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as debts under fifty dollars are recovered.

18. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall keep a just and true account of all and every the monies to be received by their several and respective collectors of tolls, at the several gates and turnpikes on said road, from beginning to end, and of the rents of all such parts of said road as shall be farmed or rented out, and shall make and declare a dividend of the clear profits and income thereof (all contingent cost and charges being first deducted,) among all the stockholders of said company; and shall on every second Monday in January and July, in every year, publish the half yearly dividend to be made of the said clear profits among the stockholders, and of the time and place when and where the same will be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Dividends.

19. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the president and directors shall, at the end of every third year after the choice of the first directors as aforesaid, until two years next after the whole road shall be completed, and every second year thereafter, lay before the general assembly of this state, an abstract of their accounts, shewing the whole amount of their capital expended in prosecution of the said work, and of the profits and income arising from said toll for and during the said respective periods, together with an exact account of the costs and charges, to the end that the clear annual income and profits thereof may be ascertained and known; and if at the end of two years after the said road shall be completed from the beginning to the end thereof, it shall appear, from the average profits of the said two years, that the said income and profits thereof will not bear a dividend of ten per centum per annum, on the whole capital stock of the said company so expended, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said president and directors to increase the tolls herein allowed so much upon each and every allowance thereof as will raise the dividends up to ten per centum per annum, in which increase they shall be regulated by the net profits of the preceding year.

An abstract of accounts to be laid before the legislature.