

CHAP. 96. and repair, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, the said justice shall certify, and send one copy of the said inquisition to each of the keepers of the turnpikes or gates between which such defective place shall be, and from thenceforth the tolls hereby granted to be collected at such turnpikes or gates shall cease to be demanded, paid or collected, until the said defective part or parts shall be put in good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid; and if the same shall not be put in good and perfect order and repair before the next county court of said county, the aforesaid justice shall certify, and send a copy of the inquisition aforesaid, to the judges of the county court, who shall thereupon cause to be brought before them the body or bodies of the person or persons intrusted by the company with the care and superintendence of such part of the said road as shall be found defective, and if the said person or persons, intrusted by the company aforesaid, shall be convicted of the offence by the said inquisition, the said court shall fine the said person or persons according to the nature and aggravation of the neglect, in their discretion, not exceeding one hundred dollars for every week such place shall have been out of order and repair; and in case the said company should neglect to have the said place repaired within fifteen days after the aforesaid fine shall have been laid, then the said court shall proceed to fine the said president, managers and company, in their discretion, not exceeding two hundred dollars, for the use of the county, under the direction of the levy court.

Penalty for evading payment of toll.

21. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons whomsoever, riding in, or driving any sulkey, chair or chaise, phaeton, cart, wagon, wain, sleigh, sled, or other carriage of burthen or pleasure, riding or leading any horse, mare or gelding, or driving any hogs, sheep or cattle, shall therewith pass through any private gates or bars, or along or over 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 gelding, or other cattle, from any wagon, or carriage of burthen or pleasure, or practise any other fraudulent means or device, with the intent that the payment of any such tolls or duty may be evaded or lessened, all and every person or persons, in all, every, or any of the ways or manners aforesaid offending, shall, for every such offence, respectively forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, of the road on which said fraud shall or may be practised, any sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace, in like manner as debts of a similar amount may be sued for and recovered; *Provided always,* that if any person or persons shall be prosecuted under this section, and the said prosecution shall not be sustained on the part of the prosecutor, then and in such case the person or persons prosecuted as aforesaid shall receive from the company the sum of twenty dollars, in lieu of damages from delay and vexatious prosecution, recoverable as other fines under this act; and if any toll-gatherer shall knowingly demand and receive any greater toll from any person or persons

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