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ennial period there shall be a surplus of tolls, over and above satisfying the aforesaid ten *per centum* upon the said road, the said court of inspection shall have power, and is hereby authorised, to receive such surplus, and to employ the same in purchasing out the stock of the said road.

Guide posts and mile-stones to be erected.

24. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company shall cause posts to be erected and continued at the intersection of every public road falling into and leading out of the said turnpike road, with a board and index hand, pointing to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed, in legible characters, the name of the town, village or place, to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in computed miles, and the said company shall cause mile-stones to be placed at the side of the said road, beginning at the distance of one mile from Westminster, and extending thence to the termination of the said road, whereon shall be marked, in plain legible characters, the number of miles which each stone is distant from Westminster aforesaid, and at every gate or turnpike by them to be fixed on the said road, shall cause the distance from Westminster, and the distance from the nearest gate or turnpike, in each direction, to be marked in legible characters, designating the number of miles, and fractions of a mile, on the said gates, or some other conspicuous place, for the information of travellers and others using the said road; and if any person shall wilfully destroy the said posts, boards, index hands or mile-stones, or deface the same, or deface the directions made on the said gates or other conspicuous places as aforesaid, or shall, without permission of the acting superintendent of the said road, throw out upon the road, or within the limits of the same, and suffer to remain for the space of one day, any mould, dirt, weeds or rubbish of any kind, such person, being convicted thereof by the evidence of one or more credible and disinterested witnesses, before any justice of the peace of the county, he or she shall be adjudged by the said justice to pay a fine, not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered, with costs, as debts under ten pounds are by law recoverable; which fine, when recovered, shall be paid to the treasurer of the company for the use of the said company.

Wagoners, &c to keep to the right.

25. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all wagoners, and drivers of carriages of all kinds, whether of burthen or pleasure, using the said road, shall, except when passing by a carriage of slower draught, keep their horses and carriages on the right hand side of the said road in the passing direction, leaving the other side of the road free and clear for the other carriages to pass and repass; and if any driver shall offend against this provision, he shall forfeit and pay not exceeding ten dollars, to any person who shall be obstructed in his passage, and will warrant for the same, to be recovered, with costs, before any justice, in the same manner as debts under ten pounds are recoverable.

Certain persons not to pay toll but once in 24 hours.

26. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for the said company to ask, demand or receive, of or from any person or persons living on or adjacent to the said road, within three miles of any of the said gates or turnpikes, any toll for passing the said gate more than once in twenty-four hours.

Gates not to be erected within one mile of any town.

27. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no toll-gate shall be erected within the distance of one mile from any one of the towns or villages in this act mentioned.