

horses or cattle, shall therewith pass through any private gate or bars, or along or over any private gates or bars, or along or over any private passageway or ground near to or adjoining any turnpike gate erected, or which shall be lawfully erected on said road, with the intent to defraud the said company, or to avoid the payment of the tolls 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, gelding, or other cattle, from any wagon or carriage of burthen or pleasure, or practice any other fraudulent means or device with the intent that the payment of such tolls or duty may be invaded or lessened, all and every person or persons, in all, every or any of the ways or manners aforesaid, offending or doing, shall for every such offence respectively forfeit and pay to the said company any sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be sued for and recovered with costs of suit before any justice of the peace of the county in which such offence may have been committed, in like manner as debts of a similar amount may by law be sued for and recovered; and if any toll gatherer shall knowingly demand and receive any greater toll from any person or persons than such toll gatherer is authorized to demand and receive by virtue of this act, such toll gatherer shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence to the use of the county in which the forfeiture is incurred, and for the payment of which said company shall be responsible.

Not to avoid  
payment.

Forfeiture.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the sale of the properties and franchises of the said Liberty and New Windsor Turnpike Company, and the reorganization of said company under the provisions of this act, shall not abate any suit or action depending in any of the courts of this State at the time of any such sale, but all such suits and actions may be prosecuted or defended by such reorganized or new company as fully and in the same manner as if no such sale had taken place.

Not abate suits

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date