

PHILIP F. THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. 1847.

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the said county courts are hereby required to take cognizance of, and act upon inquisitions returned to them as aforesaid, within three days after the time limited and allowed herein for repairing said roads shall have expired; and in all cases wherein the jury aforesaid shall be of opinion that the persons complaining had reasonable grounds of complaint, they shall award the costs of the proceeding to be paid by the company, though they may not give a verdict against them.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That each of said justices shall receive two dollars, and each of the persons aforesaid shall be entitled to one dollar, for making said inquisition. Justices to receive \$2 per diem.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the fine imposed by the thirty-first section of the act of November session, one thousand eight hundred and four, chapter fifty-one, shall be, and the same is hereby extended to the putting or placing any obstacle or material of any kind upon either of the aforementioned roads, or within the limits thereof, and suffering the same to remain for the space of two days, and the said fine shall and may be imposed for each and every day, after the first imposition thereof, during which the party so placing the said obstacle or material shall allow the same to remain; and the president, managers and company of the said road, or either of them, may remove the said obstacle or materials at the expense of the said party, to be recovered in the same manner as the fine before referred to is made recoverable. Fine for obstructing.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the president, managers and company of either of the turnpike road companies, before referred to, or of any other turnpike road company in this State, be and they are hereby respectively authorised and empowered to lower the rate of tolls, or of any of them, in their discretion, at any or all of the gates on either or all of said roads, and to fix the rate of said tolls, or any of them, at any amount less than they are now authorised to receive by their respective charters, and to change the amount of said tolls or any of them, from time to time, as in their respective judgments may seem expedient; *provided,* that said tolls shall in no case be increased beyond the rates now allowed. To regulate tolls.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the twenty-sixth section of the act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four, chapter fifty-one, and every other matter and thing in said act, or in any act of this General Assembly, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Inconsistent laws repealed.