

DEC. Sess. 1814. 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 the toll-gatherers, or other persons in their service or employment, to prevent the same from passing such gate or turnpike until such cart, wagon or other carriage of burthen shall be drawn into the fixed or 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, any sum not less than five dollars nor more than eight dollars, to be recovered in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Lawful burthens—penalty in case of excess.

16. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no wagon or other carriage with four wheels, the breadth of whose wheels shall not be four inches, shall be drawn along the said road with a greater weight thereon than two and an half tons; that no such carriage, the breadth of whose wheels shall not be seven inches, or being six inches or more shall roll at least ten inches, shall be drawn along the said road with more than five tons; that no such carriage, the breadth of whose wheels shall not be ten inches or more, or being less shall not roll at least twelve inches, shall be drawn along the said road with more than eight tons; that no cart or other carriage with two wheels, the same breadth of wheels as the wagons aforesaid, shall be drawn along the said road with more than half the burthen or weight aforesaid. And if any cart, wagon or carriage of burthen whatsoever, shall be drawn along the said road with a greater weight than is hereby allowed, the owner or owners of such carriage, if the excess of burthen shall be three hundred weight or upwards, shall forfeit and pay four times the customary tolls for the use of the company; *Provided always*, that it shall and may be lawful for the said company, by their by-laws, to alter any or all the regulations herein contained respecting the burthens or carriages to be drawn over the said road, and to substitute other regulations, if upon experiment such alterations shall be found conducive to the public good; *Provided nevertheless*, that such regulations shall not lessen the burthen of carriages above described.

Provisos.

Court of inspection—annual account of disbursements and expenditures—court may reduce the rate of tolls.

17. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby constituted a court of inspection, and it shall and may be the duty of the said company once every year, (and oftner if required by the court,) to lay before the same a correct and methodical account of their disbursements and expenditures, and of the amount of tolls collected

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