

III. And be it enacted, That the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, and the survivor of them, their executors, administrators or assigns, shall have a right and privilege to run stages for the accommodation of passengers and their baggage, from North Point, in Baltimore county, to Baltimore-town, by the most convenient public roads, under the regulations herein after mentioned, any law, statute or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XXVIII.  
May run from  
North Point  
to Baltimore.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any other person or persons shall set up any stage or land-carriage for the transportation of passengers or their baggage for hire, on the public road from the Delaware state to Chester-town and Gresham college aforesaid, during the continuance of the term aforesaid, or receive any hire for the same, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds current money.

Penalty on  
others setting  
up stage-car-  
riages, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, and the survivor of them, their executors, administrators or assigns, after the first day of February next, shall provide, and constantly keep in good order and repair, a sufficient number of stage-coaches, or covered stage-waggon, or other covered stage-carriages, for receipt, accommodation and conveyance, of all passengers who may, at any time during the said term, apply to them, or the survivor of them, their executors, administrators or assigns, or his or their agents or servants, for the passage from the line of Delaware, by the way of Chester-town, to Gresham college aforesaid, or any intermediate place, and as many good, stout, strong and able horses, as may be necessary for such carriages respectively, and shall, unless prevented by the badness of the weather or other unavoidable accident, perform not less than two trips in each week, from the line of Delaware state, by the way of Chester-town, to Gresham college aforesaid, from the first day of May to the first day of November in each year, and in the other months in each year not less than one trip aforesaid in every week.

A sufficient  
number of  
carriages to be  
kept, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, or the survivor of them, or their executors, administrators or assigns, or his or their agents or servants, to ask, demand and receive, from each passenger conveyed in any stage-coach, at the rate of not more than seven-pence half-penny current money per mile, including the privilege of fourteen pounds of baggage to each passenger in a stage-coach, and at the rate of six-pence current money per mile in any stage-waggon, or other stage-carriage, with privilege for the same quantity of fourteen pounds of baggage to each passenger, and at the rate of nine-pence current money per mile in any post-chaise, with privilege for the same quantity of baggage to each passenger, and at the rate of not more than four-pence current money per mile for every one hundred and twelve pounds of baggage, over and above the said quantity of fourteen pounds, and in the like proportion for any greater or less quantity, and at the rate of not more than three-pence current money per mile for every hundred pounds of current money in gold or silver, and the like proportion for any greater or less sum; and if the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, or the survivor of them, or their executors, administrators or assigns, or his or their agents, servants or drivers, or any of them, shall, directly or indirectly, receive more than the sums aforesaid respectively allowed by this act, they the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, or the survivor of them, their executors, administrators or assigns, shall forfeit five pounds current money for every such offence.

Rates allowed  
for passengers,  
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, or the survivor of them, their executors, administrators or assigns, and his or their agents, servants or drivers of any of his or their stage-carriages, and receiving any baggage, or any money, goods, wares or merchandise, to be safely kept and delivered, shall, if required, give a receipt therefor as follows, to wit:  
“ On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, received from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, into my  
“ stage-waggon, (or stage-coach, post-chaise, or other stage-carriage, as the case  
“ may be,) the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ current money, or a box, trunk, package or bun-  
“ dle, (with the marks and numbers, if any,) of \_\_\_\_\_ weight, and said to con-  
“ tain

Receipt to be  
given, &c.