

debts of a similar amount may be sued for and recovered: *Provided always*, That if any person or persons shall be prosecuted under this section, and the said prosecution shall not be sustained on the part of the prosecutor, then and in such case the person or persons prosecuted as aforesaid, shall receive from the company the sum of ten dollars, in lieu of damages for delay and vexatious prosecution, recoverable as other fines under this act; and if any toll-gatherer shall knowingly demand and receive any greater toll, from any person or persons, than such toll-gatherer is authorised 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, and for the payment of which the said company shall be responsible: *And provided also*, That if any person occupying a farm or lot on the said road, on or adjoining to which a toll-gate may be erected, shall have ingress and egress to and from the said turn-pike road, from and to the said farm or lot, in as many places as he or she may find convenient, without contravening any of the provisions of this act.

1812.

Proviso.

Proviso.

28. 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 roads, on both sides whereof shall be inserted, 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, expressing the number of miles from the capitol, whereon shall be marked in plain legible characters the respective number of miles which each stone is distant from the city of Baltimore aforesaid; and at every gate or turnpike by them to be fixed on the said road, shall cause the distance from Baltimore, and the distance from the nearest gates or turnpikes 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

Index hands
—mould, dirt,
&c. shall not
be thrown in
the road—
penalty—how
to be recover-
ed.