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and received on the said road for and during the twelve months preceding ; and whenever the tolls shall, during two following years, exceed ten per centum, free of all charges on the institution, the said court shall, at their discretion, hold the excess thus arising above the said ten per centum in reserve, to meet any future deficiency ; or if in their judgment a continuance of the then tolls ; would produce a like annual excess, to lower the tolls, or any of them, so as to bring the aggregate on the said road to ten per centum per annum ; and the said court may, in their discretion, on the representation of the aforesaid company, revise the tolls herein established, so as to render them in their operation more favourable to the commerce and industry of the citizens.

Legal rate of
percent—divi-
dend.

18. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the stockholders of the present company shall be entitled to receive ten per centum per annum and no more, over and above all charges and deductions whatsoever ; and the president and managers of the said company shall keep a just and true account of all and every the monies received by their several and respective collectors of tolls at the several and respective gates and turnpikes on the said road, from the beginning to the end thereof, which account shall be upon oath or affirmation, as the case may be ; and shall make a dividend of the clear profits and income thereof, not exceeding ten per centum in any year, among all the stockholders of every description ; and shall, on the first Monday in May and November in every year, publish the half yearly dividend made of the said clear profits as aforesaid, and of the time and place when and where the same will be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly.

Oxen &c.—
rate.

19. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all such carriages as aforesaid drawn by oxen in the whole, or partly by horses and partly by oxen, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse in charging all the aforesaid tolls, and every mule as equal to one horse.

20. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said company after the said road is completed as aforesaid, shall neglect to keep the said road in good and perfect order, for the space of fifteen days, and information shall be given to any justice of the peace of the neighborhood, within the county where the repair ought to be made, such justice shall issue a precept, to be directed to any constable, commanding him to summon three disinterested persons, to be named by the said justice in the said precept to meet at a certain time in the said precept to be mentioned, at the place in the said road which shall be complained of, of which meeting notice shall be given to the keeper of the gate or turnpike nearest thereto ; and the said justice shall at such time and place, on the oaths or affirmations of the said persons, inquire whether the said road, or any part thereof is in such good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid, and shall cause an inquisition to be

Repairs—neg-
lect—penalty,
&c.