

DEC. Sess.
1815.

Weight
drawn.

17. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of ascertaining the weight that may be drawn along and on the said road in any cart, wagon, or other carriage of burthen, it shall and may be lawful for the said president, managers and company, to erect and establish scales and weights at or near such and so many of the gates erected or to be erected in pursuance of this act, as may be by them thought necessary, and where there may seem reasonable cause to suspect that any cart, wagon, or other carriage of burthen, carries a greater weight than is by this act allowed, it shall be lawful for the toll-gatherers, or any persons in their service or employment, to prevent the same from passing such gate until such wagon, or other carriage of burthen, shall be drawn into the fixed or erected scales at or near such gate or turnpike, and the weight or burthen drawn therein ascertained by weighing, and if the person or persons having charge of the same shall refuse to drive the same into any such scales for the purpose aforesaid, the person or persons so refusing shall forfeit and pay the president, managers and company, any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than eight dollars, to be recovered in the common way that debts of that description are recoverable.

Burthen to
be drawn.

18. 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 therein than two and a 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; and that no such carriage the breadth whereof 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 as the wagons aforesaid, shall be drawn along the said road with more than half the burthen of weight aforesaid; and if any cart, wagon, or carriage of burthen whatever, shall be drawn along the said road with a greater weight than hereby allowed, the owner or owners of such carriage, if the excess weight shall be more than three hundred weight, shall forfeit and pay four times the customary toll, for the use of the said company; *Provided always*, that it shall and may be lawful for the said company, by their by-laws, to alter and change all or any of the aforesaid regulations herein contained respecting the burthen of carriages to be drawn over the said road, and to establish other regulations, if upon experiment such alterations shall be conducive to the public good; *Provided nevertheless*, that such regulations shall not lessen the burthen of the carriages above described.

PROVISO.

Repair—
penalty on neg-
lect.

19. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said company shall neglect to keep the said road in good and perfect order and repair for the space of fifteen days, and information shall be given to any justice of the peace of the county where the said road is complained of, such justice shall issue a precept, directed to any constable, commanding him to summon three disinterested freeholders, to meet on said road thus complained of, at a time to be mentioned in said precept, of which meeting notice shall be given to the keepers of the gates nearest there-