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Cap. lxxv.

An Act for making a Railway from *Sittingbourne* to *Sheerness*, all in the County of *Kent*; and for other Purposes. [7th July 1856.]

WHEREAS the making of a Railway from *Sittingbourne* to *Sheerness*, passing into or through the several Parishes of *Sittingbourne*, *Milton*, *Ipode*, *Queenborough*, and *Minster*, in the County of *Kent*, with an Opening Bridge at or near the *King's Ferry*, over the Passage called the *Swale*, would be attended with public and local Advantage: And whereas the Town of *Sheerness* is situate at a Point where the Waters of the *German Ocean* meet the Waters of the *Medway*, and is connected with the large and increasing Establishments of the Dockyard and Arsenal there, and it would be attended with great public Advantage if the Means of Communication between those Establishments and the other important Establishments of the Admiralty at *Chatham*, *Woolwich*, *Deptford*, and *Portsmouth* were improved, and the proposed Line of Railway is so laid out as to admit of a Junction with the authorized Line of the *East Kent* Railway at *Sittingbourne* when and so soon as the last-mentioned Railway is completed to that Place: And whereas if the Bridge to be constructed over the *Swale* for the Purposes of the said Railway were made of sufficient Width to allow of the Formation of a convenient

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Road for the Passage of Carriages, Animals, and Passengers, it would be of great public and local Advantage, and would render unnecessary the longer Continuance of the *King's Ferry*: And whereas the estimated Expense of making the said Railway and Bridge, and completing the same fit for public Traffic is Eighty thousand Pounds: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named, with others, are willing at their own Expense to carry such Undertaking into execution, and to be incorporated into a Company for such Purpose: And whereas the Warden and Jury of the said *King's Ferry* are desirous of assisting the Construction of the said Carriage Bridge, and have consented that all the Powers now vested in them for the Establishment of the said Ferry, and also all the Lands and Revenues and Powers to levy Rates, and other Property and Powers now vested in them for the Maintenance of the said Ferry and the Road Approaches thereto, should be vested in the Persons or Company hereby incorporated for the Construction of the said Railway and Bridge: And whereas the Objects and Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; that is to say,

Short Title. I. That in citing this Act for any Purpose whatever it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The *Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Act, 1856.*"

8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. incorporated. II. That "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with this Act.

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. & 20. incorporated. III. That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with this Act, and shall apply to all the Objects and Purposes thereof.

Subscribers incorporated. IV. That the Right Honourable *Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Edward Henry Banks, Frederick Leese, Lazarus Simon Magnus, Richard Comyn, Edward Dumergne, James Ward, Richard Bigg, and Josiah Hall*, and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall be united into a Company for the Purpose of making and maintaining the Railway and Bridge and Works herein-after mentioned, and for such Purpose shall be incorporated by the Name of "The *Sittingbourne and Sheerness Railway Company*," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession, and have a
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Common Seal, and shall have Power to purchase and hold Lands for the Purposes of the Undertaking within the Restrictions herein and in the said Acts contained.

V. That the Share Capital of the Company shall be Eighty thousand Pounds, which shall be divided into Eight thousand Shares of Ten Pounds each; and all and every Part of the Money so to be raised shall be applied only in carrying into execution the Objects and Purposes of this Act. Capital.

VI. That Twenty Pounds *per Centum* on the nominal Amount of a Share shall be the greatest Amount of any One Call which the Company may make on the Shareholders, and Three Months at the least shall be the Interval between successive Calls, and no more than Three Fifths of the Amount of a Share shall be called up in any One Year. Calls.

VII. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by this Act authorized to be raised by Calls in respect of Shares, or by the Exercise of any Power of borrowing, to pay Interest or Dividend to any Shareholder on the Amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him in the Capital by this Act authorized to be raised: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall be deemed to prevent the Company from paying to any Shareholder such Interest on Money advanced by him beyond the Amount of the Calls actually made as shall be in conformity with the Provisions in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," in that Behalf contained. Interest not to be paid on Calls paid up.

VIII. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by this Act authorized to be raised, to pay or deposit any Sum of Money which, by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining any Act authorizing the Company to construct any other Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking. Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of the Company's Capital.

IX. That it shall be lawful for the Company to borrow on Mortgage or Bond any Sums not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty-six thousand six hundred Pounds, but no Part of such Sum shall be borrowed until the whole of the said Capital or Sum of Eighty thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been actually paid up, and all and every Part of the Monies so to be borrowed on Mortgage or Bond shall be applied only in carrying into execution the Objects and Purposes of this Act. Power to borrow on Mortgage.

X. That

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Number and
Qualification
of Directors.

X. That the Number of Directors shall be Six, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Twenty Shares at the least in the said Undertaking.

Power to
alter the
Number of
Directors.

XI. That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to increase the Number of Directors, provided that the increased Number be not greater than Eight.

First Direc-
tors.

XII. That the Right Honourable *Stephen Rumbold Lushington, Edward Henry Banks, Frederick Leese, Lazarus Simon Magnus, Richard Comyn,* and *Edward Dumergne* shall be the First Directors of the Company.

Election of
Directors at
Firstordi-
nary Meet-
ing.

XIII. That the Directors appointed by this Act shall continue in Office until the First Ordinary Meeting to be held after the passing of this Act, and at such Meeting the Shareholders present, personally or by Proxy, may either continue in Office the Directors appointed by this Act, or any Number of them, or may elect a new Body of Directors, or Directors to supply the Places of those not continued in Office, the Directors appointed by this Act being eligible as Members of such new Body.

Subsequent
Election of
Directors.

XIV. That at the First Ordinary Meeting to be held in the Year next after the Year in which such last-mentioned Directors shall have been appointed or elected the Shareholders present, personally or by Proxy, shall, agreeably to the Provision in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained, elect Persons to supply the Places of the Directors then retiring from Office; and the Persons elected at such Meeting, being neither removed nor disqualified nor having resigned, shall continue to be Directors until others are elected in their Stead in manner provided by the said last-mentioned Act.

Quorum.

XV. That the Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three.

Committees
of Directors.

XVI. That the Quorum of any Committee of Directors shall be Two.

Newspapers
for Adver-
tisements.

XVII. That the Newspapers in which Notices shall be advertised shall be some Newspaper of the County of *Kent* usually circulating in the *Isle of Sheppy* and Neighbourhood.

XVIII. That the Undertaking of the Company shall be the following Railway and Works; namely,

A Railway commencing at or near *Water Lane* in the Parish of *Sittingbourne*, and crossing the Passage called the *Swale* by an
Opening

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Opening Bridge, and terminating at or near the Ordnance Land near *Broad Street, Mile Town, Sheerness*, in the Parish of *Minster* in the *Isle of Sheppy* ;

A Bridge over the said Passage called the *Swale*, in the Line of the said Railway, at or near the Ferry called the *King's Ferry* over the said Passage, with a Carriage Road over such Bridge for the Passage of Carriages, Animals, and Passengers, with convenient and proper Approaches thereto, as shown on the Plans of the said Railway herein-after referred to.

XIX. Whereas Plans and Sections of the intended Railway and Bridge and Works showing the Lines and Levels thereof, and also a Book of Reference thereto containing the Names of the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands in which the same are intended to be made, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Kent*: Be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions of this Act and of the Acts incorporated herewith, the Company may make and maintain the Railway and Bridge and Works respectively in the Lines and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Book of Reference, and according to the Levels shown by the said Sections, and may enter upon, take, and use such of those Lands as shall be necessary for such Purposes.

Power to make Railway, &c. according to deposited Plans.

XX. That in the Construction of the following Bridges for carrying the Railway over Roads the Company may construct such Bridges of the Span following ; that is to say,

As to Construction of Bridges over Roads.

Parish.	Number on Plan.	Description of Road.	Proposed Span of Arch.
Iwade.	2	Highway.	20 Feet.
Milton.	19	Highway.	20 Feet.
Milton.	28	Highway.	20 Feet.

XXI. That previous to commencing to construct the said Bridge over the *Swale* and the Works connected therewith, the Company shall deposit at the Admiralty Office detailed Plans, Sections, and Working Drawings of the said Bridge and Works, and of the Sites thereof respectively ; and such Bridge shall be constructed only according to such Plans, Sections, and Working Drawings as shall have been previously approved of by the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, herein-after referred to as "the Admiralty," such Approval to be signified in Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty ; and in case the said Bridge or any Part thereof shall be commenced or com-

Plans of Bridge, &c. to be submitted to Admiralty.

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pleted without such Approval or not in conformity therewith, then the Admiralty shall be at liberty to abate and remove or alter the same at the Costs and Charges of the Company, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly with Costs of Suit.

Admiralty
may allow
Variations in
Plan.

XXII. Provided always, That after the Consent and Approbation of the Admiralty for the Time being shall have been obtained to the Construction of the said Bridge hereby authorized or directed to be constructed, it shall be lawful for the Admiralty (at the Request of the said Company), if the Admiralty shall think fit so to do, from Time to Time to consent to and approve of any Variation in the Construction of the said Bridge, and any Extension of the Time for executing the same, not exceeding the Time by this Act limited for the Construction of the Works, as the Admiralty may think proper; provided that every such Consent and Approbation be testified in like Manner as is herein-before required respecting the giving or expressing such previous Consent and Approbation.

Admiralty
may order
local Survey
at Expense
of Company.

XXIII. That if at any Time or Times it shall be deemed expedient by the Admiralty to order a local Survey and Examination of any Works of the Company in, over, or affecting any tidal Water, or of the intended Site thereof, the Company shall defray the Costs of every such local Survey and Examination, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due to the Crown, with Costs of Suit, or may be recovered with Costs as a Penalty is or may be recoverable from the Company.

Lights to be
exhibited at
Night dur-
ing Con-
struction of
Bridge, &c.

XXIV. That during the Construction of the said Bridge and Works connected therewith the Company shall cause to be hung out or exhibited every Night from Sunset to Sunrise a Light, to be kept burning by and at the Expense of the Company, for the Navigation and safe Guidance of Vessels; and for ever after the Completion of the said Bridge the said Company shall cause to be hung out or exhibited at or upon the Opening Span of the said Bridge, every Night from Sunset to Sunrise, a good and sufficient Light, to be kept burning by and at the Expense of the Company, for the Navigation and safe Guidance of Vessels; and which Lights, during and after the Completion of the said Bridge and Works, and their Positions, shall be from Time to Time altered by the said Company in such Manner, and be of such Description, and be so used as the Admiralty shall by Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty approve of; and in case the said Company shall neglect to exhibit and keep either or any of such Lights burning as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay for every such Neglect any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

XXV. That

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XXV. That it shall be lawful for the Admiralty, if they shall think fit, to establish and fix at any Time and from Time to Time, in Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty, such Rules and Regulations as they may think necessary respecting the opening the said Swing Bridge or Opening Bridge over the *Swale* for the Passage of Vessels through the same, and the closing the same, and the Expense attending such opening and closing of such Swing Bridge or Opening Bridge shall in all Cases be from Time to Time defrayed by the said Company; and the said Company or any Person infringing all or any of such Rules and Regulations shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Admiralty to establish Regulations for opening and closing Swing Bridge over the *Swale*.

XXVI. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, or any Person acting under them, to detain any Vessel navigating the *Swale* for a longer Space of Time than may be sufficient to enable any Trains or Carriages, Animals, or Passengers ready to traverse the said Railway or Carriage Road over the said Bridge to cross the said Bridge, and for opening the said Bridge to admit such Vessel to pass through the same; and in case the Company, or any Person acting under them, shall detain any such Vessel for a longer Space of Time than Ten Minutes, or demand, take, or receive any Toll for the Passage of any Vessel through the said Bridge, the Company or Person so offending shall in every such Case forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, but nothing in this Act shall prevent any Remedy for Damages which any Party may sustain in respect of any such Detention as aforesaid.

Company not to detain Vessels.

XXVII. That if any Bridge or Works to be constructed by the Company on or across the said Passage called the *Swale* shall be abandoned or suffered to fall into Disuse or Decay, it shall be lawful for the Admiralty to abate and remove the same, or such Part or Parts thereof as they may at any Time or Times deem fit and proper, and to restore the Site thereof to its former Condition at the Costs and Charges of the Company, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due from the Company to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly with Costs of Suit.

If Works abandoned, Admiralty may remove same at Expense of Company.

XXVIII. That the Railway and Bridge shall be completed within Four Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of that Period the Powers by this Act granted to the Company for executing the Railway and Bridge, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much of the Railway and Bridge as shall then be completed.

Period for Completion of Works.

XXIX. Whereas, pursuant to the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament and to an Act of the Ninth Year of Her present Majesty,

Deposit Money not to be repaid unless within a

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limited Time
Line opened
or Half the
Capital paid
up and ex-
pended,
except on
Execution
of Bond.

Majesty, Chapter Twenty, a Sum of Six thousand Pounds, being One Tenth Part of Three Fourths of the Amount of the Estimate of the Expense of the Railway and Bridge and Works authorized by this Act, has been deposited with the Court of Chancery in *England* in respect of the Application to Parliament for this Act: Be it enacted, That, notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, the said Sum of Six thousand Pounds so deposited as aforesaid in respect of the Application for this Act, or the Interest or Dividends of such Sum of Money, shall not, except upon the Execution and Deposit of such Bond as herein-after mentioned, be paid or transferred to or on the Application of the Person or Persons, or the Majority of the Persons, named in the Warrant or Order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, unless the Company hereby incorporated shall, previously to the Expiration of the Period limited by this Act for Completion of the Railway and Bridge and Works hereby authorized to be made, either open the said Railway and Bridge and Works for the public Conveyance of Passengers, or prove to the Satisfaction of the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations that the said Company have paid up One Half of the Amount of the Capital by this Act authorized to be raised by means of Shares, and have expended for the Purposes of this Act a Sum equal in Amount to such One Half of the said Capital; and if the said Period shall expire before the said Company shall either have opened the said Railway and Bridge and Works for the public Conveyance of Passengers, or have given such Proof as aforesaid to the Satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee, the said Sum of Money deposited as aforesaid, and the Interest and Dividends thereof, shall immediately from and after the Expiration of the said Period be forfeited to Her Majesty, and be paid and transferred by the Officer or Person in whose Name they shall then be deposited or invested to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and when so paid and transferred shall be carried to and form Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*: Provided, that at any Time after the passing of this Act, if a Bond in twice the Amount of the said Sum of Six thousand Pounds shall have been executed by the said Company, with One or more Sureties (such Bond to be prepared to the Satisfaction of, and such Surety or Sureties to be approved by, the Solicitor to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury,) conditioned for Payment to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, of the said Sum of Six thousand Pounds if the said Company shall not within the Time limited for the Completion of the said Railway either open the said Railway and Bridge and Works for the public Conveyance of Passengers, or prove to the Satisfaction of the Lords of the said Committee that the said Company have paid up One Half of the Amount of the said Capital by this Act authorized to be raised

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raised by means of Shares, and have expended, for the Purposes of this Act a Sum equal in Amount to such One Half of the said Capital, and if such Bond shall have been deposited with the said Solicitor to the said Lords Commissioners, then such Sum of Money, and the Interest or Dividends thereof, shall be paid to or on the Application of the Person or Persons, or the Majority of the Persons, named in such Warrant or Order as aforesaid, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, and it shall not be necessary to produce any Certificate of this Act having passed, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Monies to be recovered upon such Bond shall be dealt with in like Manner as the said Sum of Money, and the Interest or Dividends thereof, would have been dealt with under this Act if such Bond had not been executed and deposited as aforesaid; and the Certificate of the said Solicitor to the said Lords Commissioners that such Bond has been executed and deposited as aforesaid, and the Certificate of the Lords of the said Committee that such Proof has been given to their Satisfaction as aforesaid, shall respectively be sufficient Evidence of the Facts so certified.

XXX. That the prescribed Quantity of Land which the Company may purchase for extraordinary Purposes under the "Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," incorporated herewith, shall not exceed Ten Acres. Land for extraordinary Purposes.

XXXI. That it shall be lawful for the Company to demand any Tolls for the Use of the Railway, not exceeding the following; (that is to say,) Tolls.

In respect of the Tonnage of all Articles conveyed upon the Railway or any Part thereof, as follows: Tonnage on Articles of Merchandise.

For all Dung, Compost, and all Sorts of Manure, Lime and Limestone, and all undressed Materials for the Repair of public Roads or Highways, *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Halfpenny:

For all Coals, Coke, Culm, Charcoal, and Cinders, all Stones for building, pitching, and paving, all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Clay, and Ironstone, Iron Ore, and all Materials, Pig Iron, Bar Iron, Rod Iron, Hoop Iron, Sheet Iron, and all similar Descriptions of Wrought Iron, and Iron Castings, not manufactured into Utensils or other Articles of Merchandise, *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Halfpenny:

For all Sugar, Corn, Grain, Flour, tanned Hides, Dyewoods, Timber, Staves, and Deals, Metals (except Iron), Nails, Anvils,

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Vices, and Chains, *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding Twopence Halfpenny; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Penny :

For all Cotton and other Wools, Hops, Hides, Drugs, manufactured Goods, and all other Wares, Merchandises, Articles, Matters, or Things, *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding Threepence Halfpenny; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding One Penny :

For every Carriage of whatever Description having more than Two Wheels, not being a Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, and not weighing more than One Ton, carried or conveyed on a Truck or Platform, *per Mile* not exceeding Sixpence, and if having only Two Wheels Fourpence, and a Sum of One Penny Halfpenny *per Mile* for every additional Quarter of a Ton or fractional Part of a Quarter of a Ton which any such Carriage may weigh; and if conveyed on a Truck or Platform belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Mile* not exceeding Twopence :

For every Engine or Carriage adapted for travelling on a Railway and using the said Railway as a Means of Transit, not exceeding One Shilling *per Mile* for each Engine, and not exceeding Threepence *per Mile* for each Carriage.

Tolls for
Passengers
or Cattle.

XXXII. In respect of Passengers and Animals conveyed in Carriages upon the Railway, as follows :

For every Person conveyed in or upon any such Carriages, *per Mile* not exceeding Twopence; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Mile* not exceeding One Penny :

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast of Draught or Burden conveyed in or upon any such Carriage, *per Mile* not exceeding Threepence; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Mile* not exceeding One Penny :

For every Ox, Cow, Bull, or Neat Cattle conveyed in or upon any Carriage, *per Mile* not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Mile* not exceeding One Halfpenny :

For every Calf or Pig, Sheep or Lamb, or other small Animal conveyed in or upon any such Carriage, *per Mile* not exceeding One Penny; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to or provided by the Company, an additional Sum *per Mile* not exceeding One Farthing.

XXXIII. That

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XXXIII. That, except as herein-before otherwise provided, the Tolls which the Company may demand for the Use of Engines for propelling Carriages on the Railway shall not exceed Three Farthings *per* Mile for each Passenger or Animal, or for each Ton of Goods or other Articles, and One Penny Halfpenny *per* Mile for every Carriage of whatever Description, not being a Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, and Sixpence *per* Mile for every Engine or Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, in addition to the several other Tolls or Sums by this Act authorized to be taken.

Tolls for propelling Power.

XXXIV. That the following Provisions shall be applicable to the fixing of the Tolls; that is to say,

Regulations as to Tolls.

For Passengers, Animals, or Articles conveyed on the Railway, or any Part thereof, for a less Distance than Four Miles, the Company may demand the same Tolls and Charges as if the same had been conveyed the full Distance of Four Miles:

For a Fraction of a Mile beyond Four Miles, or beyond any greater Number of Miles, the Company may demand Tolls on Animals or Articles for such Fraction in proportion to the Number of Quarters of a Mile contained therein, and if there be a Fraction of a Quarter of a Mile such Fraction shall be deemed a Quarter of a Mile; and in respect of Passengers, every Fraction of a Mile beyond an integral Number of Miles shall be deemed a Mile:

For a Fraction of a Ton the Company may demand Tolls according to the Number of Quarters of a Ton in such Fraction, and if there be a Fraction of a Quarter of a Ton such Fraction shall be deemed a Quarter of a Ton:

With respect to all Articles (except Stone and Timber) the Weight shall be determined according to the usual Avoirdupois Weight:

With respect to Stone and Timber, Fourteen Cubic Feet of Stone, Forty Cubic Feet of Oak, Mahogany, Teak, Beech, or Ash, and Fifty Cubic Feet of any other Timber, shall be deemed One Ton Weight, and so in proportion for any greater or smaller Quantity.

And with respect to small Packages and single Articles of greater Weight, be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Rate of Tolls by this Act prescribed, the Company may lawfully demand the Tolls following; (that is to say,)

Tolls for small Parcels and Articles of great Weight.

For the Carriage of small Parcels (that is to say, Parcels not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in Weight each,) on the Railway, or any Part thereof, as follows:

For any Parcel not exceeding Seven Pounds in Weight, Fourpence;

For any Parcel not exceeding Fourteen Pounds in Weight, Eightpence;

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For any Parcel not exceeding Twenty-eight Pounds in Weight,
One Shilling;

For any Parcel not exceeding Fifty-six Pounds in Weight,
One Shilling and Sixpence;

And for any Parcel exceeding Fifty-six Pounds in Weight and
not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in Weight, the Com-
pany may demand any Sum which they think fit: Provided
always, that Articles sent in large aggregate Quantities,
although made up of separate Parcels, such as Bags of Sugar,
Coffee, Meal, and the like, shall not be deemed small Parcels,
but such Term shall apply only to single Parcels in separate
Packages:

For the Carriage of any One Boiler, Cylinder, or single Piece of
Machinery, or single Piece of Timber or Stone, or other single
Article, the Weight of which, including the Carriage, shall
exceed Five Tons, but shall not exceed Eight Tons, the Com-
pany may demand such Sum as they think fit, not exceeding One
Shilling *per Ton per Mile*:

For the Carriage of any single Piece of Timber, Stone, Machinery,
or other single Article, the Weight of which, with the Carriage,
shall exceed Eight Tons, the Company may demand such Sum
as they think fit.

Limits of
Weights to
be carried
on the Rail-
way.

XXXV. That no Carriage shall carry or bear at any One Time
upon the Railway or any Part thereof, including the Weight of such
Carriage, more than the Weight of Eight Tons without the special
Licence of the Company.

Limiting
Charge for
the Convey-
ance of Pas-
sengers.

XXXVI. That it shall not be lawful for the Company to demand
or receive any greater Sum in respect of the Carriage of Passengers
conveyed on the Railway by this Act authorized than Threepence *per*
Passenger *per Mile* in respect of any Passenger travelling in a First-
class Carriage, Twopence *per Passenger per Mile* in respect of any
Passenger travelling in a Second-class Carriage, and One Penny
Halfpenny *per Passenger per Mile* in respect of any Passenger tra-
velling in a Third-class Carriage, including the Charges for the Use
of Carriages and locomotive Power, and all other Charges incidental
to such Conveyance.

Limiting
Charge for
Conveyance
of Goods and
Cattle.

XXXVII. That it shall not be lawful for the Company to charge
in respect of the several Articles, Matters and Things, and of the
several Descriptions of Animals, herein-after mentioned, conveyed on
the Railway by this Act authorized, any greater Sum, including the
Charges for the Use of Carriages, Waggon, or Trucks, and for loco-
motive Power, and all other Charges incidental to such Conveyance
(except a reasonable Charge for the Expense of loading and unloading,
collecting, receiving, or delivering, or for providing Covers for Minerals,
Goods,

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Goods, Articles, or Animals, where such Service is performed by the Company), than the several Sums herein-after mentioned; that is to say,

For all Dung, Compost, and all Sorts of Manure, Lime and Limestone, and all undressed Materials for the Repair of public Roads or Highways, *per Ton per Mile* Twopence :

For all Coals, Coke, Culm, Charcoal, and Cinders, all Stones for building, pitching, and paving, all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Clay, Sand, Ironstone and Iron Ore, and all Minerals, Pig Iron, Bar Iron, Rod Iron, Hoop Iron, Sheet Iron, and other Descriptions of Wrought Iron, and Iron Castings, not manufactured into Utensils or other Articles of Merchandise, *per Ton per Mile* Twopence :

For all Sugar, Grain, Corn, Flour, tanned Hides, Dyewoods, Timber, Staves, and Deals, Metals (except Iron), Nails, Anvils, Vices, and Chains, *per Ton per Mile* Threepence :

For all Cotton and other Wools, Drugs, manufactured Goods, and all other Wares, Merchandise, Articles, Matters, and Things, *per Ton per Mile* not exceeding Fourpence Halfpenny :

For every Carriage of whatever Description having more than Two Wheels, not being a Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, and not weighing more than One Ton, carried or conveyed on a Truck or Platform, *per Mile* not exceeding Sixpence, and if having only Two Wheels, *per Mile* Fourpence :

For every Engine or Carriage adapted for travelling on a Railway and using the Railway as a Means of Transit, *per Mile* not exceeding One Shilling and Threepence for each Engine and Sixpence for each Carriage :

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast of Draught or Burden, *per Mile* Fivepence :

For every Ox, Cow, Bull, or Neat Cattle, *per Mile*, if only One, Threepence ; if more than One, Twopence *per Head* :

For every Calf, Pig, Sheep, Lamb, or other small Animal, One Penny *per Mile*.

XXXVIII. That every Passenger travelling upon the Railway may take with him his ordinary personal Luggage, not exceeding One hundred and twelve Pounds in Weight for First-class Passengers, One hundred Pounds in Weight for Second-class Passengers, and Sixty Pounds in Weight for Third-class Passengers, without any Charge being made for the Carriage thereof. Passengers Luggage.

XXXIX. That, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for the Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered by Agreement with the Owner or Owners of or Person or Persons in charge of any Minerals, Goods, Articles, or Animals, to take and receive, and in such Case to demand and recover, either in Power to charge extra for Goods by Agreement with the Owner.

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respect of the Conveyance of such Minerals, Goods, Articles (other than small Parcels), or Animals by Passenger Trains, or by reason of any other special Service to be performed by the Company in relation thereto, any increased Tolls, Rates, or Charges over and above the Tolls, Rates, and Charges by this Act limited or authorized to be received and taken for or in respect of any such Minerals, Goods, Articles, or Animals.

Power to charge extra for Special Trains.

XL. That, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for the Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to demand, receive, and take any reasonable Sum for the Use of Engines and Carriages for Special Trains by or on the said Railway, or any Part or Parts thereof, other than Ordinary or Express Trains appointed or to be appointed from Time to Time by the Company for the Conveyance of Passengers and Goods upon the Railway, and for loading and unloading, collecting, receiving, or delivering, or for providing Covers for Goods, Articles, or Animals.

Power to lay down Electric Telegraph.

XLI. That it shall be lawful for the Company, if they shall think fit, from Time to Time to establish and lay down and to maintain, or to contract with any Company or Person for laying down and maintaining, along the Line of Railway by this Act authorized One or more Line or Lines of Electric Telegraph.

Bridge to be first completed.

XLII. That the First Work to be executed by the Company shall be the Bridge over the *Swale* at or near the *King's Ferry*, which shall be completed before any Part of the said Railway shall be opened for Traffic.

Property and Powers of Ferry Warden and Jury vested in the Company.

XLIII. And whereas, under or by virtue of an immemorial Custom or Usage, the Jury of the Court for the Maintenance of the *King's Ferry* in the *Isle of Sheppy* are empowered to tax themselves and all other the Inhabitants and Land Occupiers of the said Isle, according to the Rate of Land in every Man's occupying, towards the Maintenance of the said Ferry and Passage, and the Ferry Warden for the Time being has been accustomed to recover and receive the said Rates, and apply the same to the Maintenance of the said Ferry and Passage, and also since the Statute 18 *Elizabeth*, Chapter 10, Section 10, to the Maintenance of the Ways in the *Isle of Sheppy* leading to the said Ferry or Passage; And whereas by the said Statute 18 *Elizabeth*, Chapter 10, Section 10, the Amount of Rate leviable for the Maintenance of the said Ferry was limited to One Penny in the Year in respect of every Acre of fresh Marsh and Upland, and of One Penny in the Year in respect of every Ten Acres of salt Marsh: Be it enacted, That from and immediately after the passing of this Act all the Powers, Rights, Property, Rates, Tolls,

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Tolls, and Revenues at the passing of this Act vested in or leviable or exerciseable by the Warden and Jury of the said *King's Ferry* over the *Swale* for the Maintenance and Support of the said Ferry and the Ways or Approaches thereto, and all the Lands and Property of the said Warden and Jury, and all the Powers of levying Rates and Tolls for the Maintenance and Use of the said Ferry and the Ways or Approaches thereto, and all other the Powers and Revenues of the said Warden and Jury, shall be transferred to and vest in the Company, and all the Powers so vested in the said Warden and Jury shall, after such Transfer or vesting, be exerciseable and exercised by the Company for the Purposes of this Act in the same Manner in all respects as if the Company had been elected and named by the Steward of the said Ferry in accordance with the ancient Custom relating to the said Ferry, instead of the said Warden and Jury, and such Property, Rates, Tolls, and Revenues had by such Custom been made applicable to the Maintenance of the said Bridge and Approaches instead of the said Ferry: Provided always, that the said Rates so to be levied shall not in any Year exceed the said Rate of One Penny for every Acre of fresh Marsh and Upland, and One Penny for every Ten Acres of Marsh Land: Provided also, that in the meantime, and until the said Carriage Bridge shall be completed and opened for Traffic, the Company shall maintain the said Ferry and the Approaches or Ways thereto in the same Manner in all respects as the said Warden and Jury are now liable to maintain the same, and may demand, take, and recover the several Tolls for the Time being payable at such Ferry; and for all the Purposes of the said Ferry the Steward of the said Ferry shall be the Clerk to the Company: Provided also, that when the said Carriage Bridge shall be completed and opened for Traffic the said Ferry shall cease to be used, and the Power to take Tolls thereat shall determine.

XLIV. That if at the Time of the passing of this Act the Right to use and take Tolls at the said Ferry shall be vested in any Lessee or Tenant of the said Ferry, the Company shall, if they open the said Passenger Bridge before the Expiration of such Lease or Interest, make full Compensation to such Lessee or Tenant for the Value of his Interest in such Ferry and the Tolls thereof, the Amount of such Compensation, in case of Difference, to be ascertained and determined in the Manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act" for determining Questions of disputed Compensation.

Tenant of Ferry to be compensated for his Interest.

XLV. That the Portion of the said Bridge to be erected as aforesaid, and used as a Carriage Road Bridge, shall be called "The *Queen's Bridge*," and the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto to be made and improved under the Authority of this Act, and also

New Bridge and Lands to be vested in the Company.

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all Lands to be vested in or purchased or acquired under the Powers of this Act, shall be vested in the Company, and be Part of the Undertaking of the Company.

Penalty for
damaging
Bridge, &c.

XLVI. That if any Person shall in any Manner wilfully or negligently injure any Part of the said intended Bridge, or the Lamps thereon, or shall lash, tie, or make fast any Cord, Rope, or Cable to the Balustrades, Cornice, Piles, or any other Part of the same Bridge for the Purpose of moving or staying any Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or any Float, or Raft of Timber, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, except to such Rings as shall be fixed to the same Bridge by Direction of the Company for that Purpose, or shall wilfully or negligently drive or wheel any Carriage or Barrow, or drive or ride any Horse upon the Foot Pavement of the same Bridge, or on the Foot Pavement of either of the Approaches to the same, or shall haul or draw upon any Part of the same Bridge or the Approaches thereto respectively any Timber, Stone, or other heavy Substance otherwise than upon a wheeled Carriage, or shall wilfully or negligently suffer any Part of any Tree or Piece of Timber which shall be conveyed upon any wheeled Carriage to drag upon any Part of the same Bridge or the Approaches thereto respectively, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to fix
Lamps on
Bridge and
Approaches.

XLVII. That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to cause such and so many Lamp Irons or Lamp Posts to be put up or affixed in, upon, or along the Sides of the said Bridge and the said Approaches thereto, and also to cause such and so many Lamps to be provided for such Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts as they shall think necessary for lighting the said Bridge and the said Approaches thereto, or any Part thereof, and to cause the said Lamps to be lighted as and when they shall think proper.

Power to
contract for
lighting
Bridge.

XLVIII. That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to contract and agree with any Company or Person to light the said Bridge and the said Approaches thereto, or any of them, with Gas or Oil, or otherwise as to the Company hereby incorporated shall seem expedient, and to provide and set up all Works necessary for such Purposes.

Clerk may
appoint tem-
porary Col-
lectors.

XLIX. That when and so often as any Collector of the Bridge Tolls shall die, or neglect or refuse to perform or become incapable of performing his Duty, or shall abscond or absent himself, it shall be lawful for the Clerk to discharge such Collector so neglecting or refusing to perform or becoming incapable of performing his Duty, or absconding

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absconding or absenting himself, and to appoint some other Person to be a Collector until the then next Meeting of the Directors of the Company in the Stead of such Collector who shall so die or be discharged, and every such Person so appointed shall have the like Power and Authority, and be answerable and accountable in like Manner in all respects, as the Collector who shall so die or be discharged would have had or been subject to; and if any Collector of the said Bridge Tolls who shall be so discharged from his said Office, or if the Wife or Widow or any of the Children, Family, or other Representatives of any Collector who shall have died or been discharged, or any other Person who may have the Possession of any Toll House or Building, or any Appurtenant thereto erected, set up, raised, or used by virtue or for the Purposes of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to deliver up the Possession thereof for the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after Demand thereof made by Notice in Writing for that Purpose given to such Collector or other Person, or left at any such Toll House, Building, or Premises, then and in any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order a Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such Toll House and Premises in the Daytime, and to remove the Persons who shall be found therein, together with their Goods, out of such House, and to put the Company or their newly-appointed Collector into the Possession thereof.

Collectors, &c. refusing to deliver up Toll Houses may be turned out.

L. That it shall be lawful for the Company, if they shall think proper so to do, to erect and set up Toll Gates or Bars upon the said Bridge, or any Approach thereto, and from Time to Time to remove such Toll Gate or Bar, and to erect or set up other Toll Gates or Bars in lieu thereof, and from Time to Time to erect, provide, and maintain such Toll Houses and other Conveniences near or adjoining to such Toll Gates or Bars, as they shall think proper.

Power to erect Toll Gates and Toll Houses.

LI. That it shall be lawful for the Company to sell and dispose of any Toll House to be erected by virtue of this Act, and the Ground whereon the same may stand, when it shall be considered by the Company unnecessary for the Purposes of this Act.

Toll Houses, &c. may be sold.

LII. That it shall be lawful for the Company, if they shall think fit so to do, to take and demand at the Toll Gates or Bars to be erected at or near the said Bridge as aforesaid, for or in respect of all Persons, except Officers of the Customs and Coastguard when in the Execution of their Duty, Horses, Mules, Asses, Beasts, or other Cattle or Animals, or Carriages of any kind whatsoever, before they shall be permitted to pass or return over the said Bridge, or through the said Toll Gates or Bars, any Tolls or Sums which the Company may from

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Time to Time think fit, not exceeding the Tolls or Sums mentioned in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

Bridge to be public upon Payment of Tolls.

LIII. That after the said Bridge shall have been opened to the Public as a Carriage Bridge the same shall be a public Bridge, and all Persons shall have free Liberty, upon Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted, to pass over the same without any Interruption whatsoever.

Tolls may be altered.

LIV. That the Company shall have full Power from Time to Time to lower or reduce all or any of the said Bridge Tolls, and in like Manner again to raise the said Tolls to such Sum as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Sums before mentioned, and again in like Manner to lower and raise the same as often as the Company shall deem it necessary so to do.

Tolls to be charged equally.

LV. That the Bridge Tolls to be taken by virtue of this Act shall at all Times be charged equally to all Persons and after the same Rate in respect of all Horses, Mules, Asses, Beasts, or other Cattle or Animals, or Carriage of a like Description passing over the same under the like Circumstances, and that no Reduction or Advance in the said Tolls shall either directly or indirectly be made partially or in favour of or against any particular Person or Company, but every such Reduction or Advance of Tolls shall extend to all Persons whomsoever using the said Bridge, anything to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Tolls to be paid as Company shall appoint.

LVI. That the said Bridge Tolls shall be paid to such Persons and at such Places, upon or near to the said Bridge, and in such Manner, and under such Regulations as the Company shall by Notice to be annexed to the Account or List of Tolls appoint.

Carriages, &c. of Persons refusing to pay Tolls may be seized.

LVII. That if any Person subject, either in respect of himself or of any Cattle, Animal, or Carriage belonging to him or under his Care or Control, to the Payment of any of the Tolls hereby authorized to be taken in respect of the said Bridge shall, after Demand made thereof by any Collector or other Person to be appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay such Tolls, it shall be lawful for such Person, by himself, or taking such Assistance as he shall think necessary, to seize and distrain all or any of the Cattle, Animals, and Carriages belonging to or under the Care or Control of the Person so refusing to pay such Toll, and in respect of which such Person shall refuse Payment of Toll, together with the Bridles, Saddles, Gears, Harness, or Accoutrements of the Cattle or Animals so seized, or any Carriage in respect of which such Toll is imposed, or any of the Goods
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or Chattels of the Person so refusing to pay; and if the Toll or any Part thereof so neglected or refused to be paid, and the reasonable Charges of such Seizure and Distress, shall not be paid within Four Days next after such Seizure and Distress made, the Person so seizing and distraining may sell the Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriages, or Things so seized and distrained, or a sufficient Part thereof, returning the Overplus of the Money to arise by such Sale (if any), and what shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Tolls and the reasonable Charges occasioned by such Seizure and Distress shall be deducted.

LVIII. That in case any Dispute shall happen respecting the demanding or taking or the Payment of any of the said Bridge Tolls, or the Amount of such Tolls, then and in every such Case such Dispute shall be heard and determined by any Justice, who upon Application made to him for that Purpose shall examine the Matter upon the Oaths of the Parties or Witnesses (which Oath every such Justice is hereby authorized and empowered to administer), and shall determine the Amount of the Toll due and other Matters in dispute between the Parties, and may also award such Costs to be paid by either Party to the other as to the Justice shall seem reasonable, all which Costs, in case the same shall not be forthwith paid, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons directed to pay the same by the Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant every such Justice is hereby empowered to issue), and the Overplus (if any), after Payment of such Costs of such Distress and Sale, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold.

For settling
Disputes
concerning
Tolls.

LIX. That if any Collector or other Person authorized or appointed to collect the Tolls on the said intended Bridge shall permit or suffer any Person to pass over the said Bridge through any Toll Gate at which such Collector or other Person shall be stationed without paying the Toll payable in respect of himself, or of any Cattle, Animal, or Carriage belonging to him or under his Care or Control, or shall be guilty of any other Misconduct in his Office, such Collector or other Person so offending, and being thereof convicted before any Justice, shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

For prevent-
ing Toll Col-
lectors from
allowing
Persons to
pass without
paying Tolls.

LX. That if any Person shall knowingly and wilfully refuse or neglect to pay his Toll or Fare, either in respect of himself or of any Cattle, Animal, or Carriage belonging to him or under his Care or Control, for using the said Bridge, when the same Tolls respectively shall

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shall be payable by virtue of this Act, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

List of Tolls to be exhibited on a Board.

LXI. That a List of all the Tolls by this Act authorized to be taken, and which shall be exacted by the Company, shall be published by the same being painted upon One Toll Board or more, in distinct Black Letters on a White Ground, or White Letters on a Black Ground, and by such Board being exhibited in some conspicuous Place on the Toll Gates or Toll House, or placed where such Tolls respectively shall be payable.

Tolls to be taken only whilst Board exhibited.

LXII. That no Tolls shall be demanded or taken by the Company for the Use of the said Bridge during any Time at which the Boards herein-before directed to be exhibited shall not be so exhibited, and if any Person wilfully pull down, deface, or destroy any such Board he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Regulations as to Toll Collectors.

LXIII. That every Collector of such Bridge Tolls shall place on the Front or on some conspicuous Part of the Toll House or other Building where he shall be on Duty his Christian and Surname in legible Characters, and each of the Letters of such Names shall be at least Two Inches in Height, and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground, or in Black Letters on a White Ground, and he shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be upon Duty.

Penalties on Toll Collectors for Offences herein named.

LXIV. That every such Collector of Tolls who shall commit any of the following Offences shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for each such Offence ; (that is to say,)

If he do not place such Board and keep the same in its Place during the whole Time he is on Duty ;

If he either refuse to permit any Person to read or in any way hinder any Person from reading the Inscription on such Board ;

If he refuse to tell his Christian Name and Surname to any Person demanding the same who shall have paid or tendered the Tolls demanded of him, or if he give a false Name to any such Person ;

If he demand or take a greater or less Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of this Act and of the Orders of the Company made in pursuance thereof ;

If upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered he do unnecessarily detain or wilfully hinder any Cattle, Animal, Carriage, or Goods, or any Person, from passing by or over the Bridge ;

If he make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Person lawfully using the said Bridge.

LXV. That

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LXV. That the Company shall cause separate and distinct Accounts to be kept of all Monies received, raised, levied, and collected for the Purposes of the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto, or on account thereof, and on the Tolls arising therefrom, and of the Manner in which such Monies and Tolls shall have been applied or disposed of, and such Accounts shall be kept in separate Books, and shall not be intermixed with the Accounts of any other Monies received, collected, raised, or disposed of by the Company, and such Accounts shall be balanced up to the same Period as the other Accounts of the Company are balanced up.

Separate
Accounts to
be kept of
Bridge Tolls.

LXVI. That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time by Lease, to take effect in possession within Three Months from the making thereof, to let such Bridge Tolls, or any Part thereof, either together or separately, to any Parties for any Period not exceeding Three Years from the Commencement of any such Lease.

Power to
lease Tolls.

LXVII. That if any such Lease shall have become void or voidable according to any Stipulations therein contained for that Purpose by reason of the Failure on the Part of the Lessee to comply with any of the Terms of such Lease, or if all or any Part of the Rent thereby reserved shall be in arrear or unpaid for Twenty-one Days after the same shall have become payable, then upon Application made by the Company to a Justice, Three clear Days Notice of such Application having been previously given to such Lessee, it shall be lawful for such Justice to order any Constable, with proper Assistance, to enter upon any Toll House, Dwelling House, Office, or other Building, with the Appurtenances thereto belonging to the Company, and remove from the same the Lessee or Collector or other Person found therein, together with his Goods, and to take possession thereof, and of all Property found therein belonging to the Company, and deliver the same to the Company or any Person appointed by them for that Purpose.

Lessee mak-
ing default
to be re-
moved.

LXVIII. That such Possession being obtained, it shall be lawful for the Company to determine the Lease (if any) previously subsisting, and the same shall be accordingly utterly void, except as to the Remedies of the Lessors for Payment of the Rent due or in respect of unperformed or broken Obligations or Conditions on the Lessees Part, all which Remedies shall remain in full Force; and in every such Case, either during such Proceedings or on the Termination thereof, the Company may again let the Tolls to the same or any other Person, or cause them to be collected in the same Manner as if no such former Lease had been made relative thereto.

Power of re-
letting Tolls.

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LXIX. That

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Lessees of
Tolls to have
same Powers
as Collectors.

LXIX. That every Lessee of the Bridge Tolls for the Time being payable under this Act, and the Collectors appointed by such Lessees, shall respectively have and exercise all the same Powers and Authorities, and be subject to all the same Provisions, Byelaws, Restrictions, and Penalties, as if they had been appointed Collectors by the Company under the Powers of this Act.

Company
may be in-
dicted for
want of Re-
pairs of
Bridge, &c.

LXX. That if the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto, or any of the Lamps or other Works pertaining thereto, shall become and be out of repair, or the said Bridge or any Part thereof shall not continue to be lighted, then the Company shall forthwith cause the said Bridge, Approaches, Lamps, and other Works to be repaired, or the said Bridge to be lighted, as herein-before directed, and in case the Company shall fail, within One Week after Notice to their Clerk to that Effect, to commence such Repairs, or to cause the said Bridge to be lighted, then it shall be lawful for any Person to prefer or prosecute any Bill of Indictment against the Company for such Failure, and if the Company shall be found guilty upon the Trial of such Bill of Indictment they shall forfeit and lose to the Person who shall have preferred and prosecuted such Bill of Indictment the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every such Failure, together with the Costs of the Prosecution, and shall be subject and liable to commence such Repairs as aforesaid, and to cause the said Bridge to be lighted within Ten Days after such Verdict on such Bill of Indictment, and in case of Failure in the whole or in any Part thereof the Company shall again become subject and liable to such Bill of Indictment, and so *toties quoties* until the said Repairs shall be completed or the said Bridge shall be lighted as herein-before directed.

Owners of
Vessels
liable for
Damage.

LXXI. That in case any Damage or Mischief shall be done to the Bridge or any of the said Works by any Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or other Vessel through the Negligence of any Person having the Command of any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or other Vessel, or any of the Persons employed therein, then and in every such Case the Owner of such Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or other Vessel shall be and he is hereby made answerable to the Company for the Amount of Value of any such Damage or Mischief; and the same, provided it shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, if not forthwith paid and satisfied, shall and may be recovered in such Manner as any Penalties and Forfeitures hereby imposed are in and by this Act directed to be recovered.

Masters to
recover from
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LXXII. That in case the Owner of any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or other Vessel shall be compelled to pay any Penalty, or to make Satisfaction for any Damages, by reason of any Neglect or Default

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Default done or committed by his Servants or any of them, such Servants, and each and every of them, shall be liable to pay such Penalty or Damage (with the Costs thereof) to such Owner, and in case of Nonpayment upon Demand thereof, and Oath made by such Owner of the Payment made by him of such Penalty, Satisfaction, or Damages, and that the same and Costs thereof have not been repaid to him by such Servants or any of them, although demanded, (such Oath to be made before any One Justice,) the Amount thereof, provided the same shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered.

Sums paid
for their De-
faults.

LXXIII. That in case any Person shall resist or assault any Collector of Tolls in the Execution of his Office, or shall forcibly pass over the said Bridge or Approaches, or over or through the Toll Gates or Bars to be erected by virtue of this Act, or shall forcibly drive any Cattle, Animal, or Carriage over the said Bridge or through such Toll Gate or Bar without having paid the Tolls payable in respect of such Cattle, Animal, Carriage, or Person, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on
assaulting
Collectors,
&c.

LXXIV. That if any Person shall wilfully throw any of the Oil out of the Lamps on the said Bridge or Approaches, or extinguish any of the said Lamps when lighted, or if any Person shall occasion any Obstruction, Annoyance, or Hindrance of any Description to Passengers along the said Bridge or Approaches, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall also make Satisfaction to the Company, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, or to the Party injured, as the Case may be, for the Damage so done as aforesaid, which Satisfaction shall be recovered as Part of and in the same Way as the said Penalty is by this Act authorized to be recovered; and if any such Injury as aforesaid shall be done negligently or by Accident, the Person doing or causing the same shall make Satisfaction to the Party injured, which shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as Penalties are by this Act directed to be recovered.

Penalty for
Injuries or
Obstruc-
tions to the
Bridge.

LXXV. That the Bridge Tolls or any Rent payable in respect of the same, and all Rates heretofore leviable by the Warden and Jury of the said Ferry, and all Rents of Lands and other Revenues vested in the Company for the Purposes of the said Bridge or the Approaches or Ways thereto, shall be applicable and applied as follows; (that is to say,)

Application
of Bridge
Revenue.

First, In Payment of all the Expenses of and incident to the Management of the said Carriage Portion of the said Bridge, and the Repair

Repair

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Repair and Maintainance thereof and the Approaches thereto, hitherto repaired out of the Revenues of the said Ferry, and the Carriageways and Footways along the same, and of the Expense of lighting the same, and of the Salaries and Wages of Toll Collectors and of the Persons employed to open and shut the said Bridge and to watch the same, and of all other current Expenses of the Company in relation to the said Carriage Bridge :

Secondly, In Payment to or in aid, so far as the same will from Time to Time extend, of the general Objects and Purposes of the Company.

Company not to interfere with Crown Land without Consent.

LXXVI. And whereas it is necessary that the Fortifications and other public Property belonging to Her Majesty, and under the Charge of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, should be preserved from Injury or Obstruction: Be it therefore enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Company to enter upon or possess or occupy any Buildings or Land belonging to Her Majesty, and under the Control or Management of the said Principal Secretary of State, without the Consent of the said Principal Secretary of State in Writing first had and obtained for that Purpose, which Consent such Principal Secretary of State is hereby authorized to give.

Railway not exempt from Provisions of future and General Acts.

LXXVII. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this Act authorized to be made or the Company from the Provisions of any General Act relating to such Act, or of any General Act relating to Railways or to the better and more impartial Audit of the Accounts of Railway Companies, now in force or which may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future Revision and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the Rates for small Parcels, or of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges authorized by this Act.

Saving Rights of the Crown.

LXXVIII. That nothing contained in this Act or in any of the Acts herein referred to shall extend to authorize the said Company to take, use, or in any Manner interfere with any Land, Soil, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Rights in respect thereof, belonging to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of Her Crown without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or One of them, on behalf of Her Majesty first had and obtained for that Purpose (which Consent such Commissioners are hereby respectively authorized to give), or to take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any of the Estates, Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in

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or enjoyed or exerciseable by the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors.

LXXIX. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and Expenses of incident to the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and Act. preparatory thereto, shall be paid by the Company out of any Monies which may come to their Hands under the Provisions of this Act.

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SCHEDULE referred to by the foregoing Act.

Tolls to be taken for the Use of Carriage Bridge, and to be paid every Time of passing.

	s.	d.
For every Coach or Hearse, a Sum not exceeding -	2	0
For every Chariot, Landau, Britzka, Brougham, Sociable, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Whisky, Car, Calash, Caravan, Hearse, or Litter, or other such Four-wheeled Carriage, a Sum not exceeding -	1	6
For every Two-wheeled Chaise or Cart, a Sum not exceeding -	0	6
For every Four-wheeled Waggon or other such Carriage, a Sum not exceeding -	2	0
For every Horse, Mule, or Ass, laden or unladen, a Sum not exceeding -	0	3
For all Oxen or Neat Cattle, a Sum for each not exceeding -	0	2
For every Score of Pigs, Sheep, or Lambs, a Sum not exceeding -	0	5
And so on in proportion for any greater or less Number than a Score.		
And for every Person on Foot passing over the said Bridge or through the Toll Gate thereat, a Sum not exceeding -	0	1

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