



Railway Regulation Act 1842

1842 CHAPTER 55

VIII Board of Trade empowered to direct Returns.

And be it enacted, That the Lords of the said Committee may order and direct any Railway Company to make up and deliver to them Returns of serious Accidents occurring in the course of the public Traffic upon the Railway belonging to such Company, whether attended with personal Injury or not, in such Form and Manner as the Lords of the said Committee shall deem necessary and require for their Information with a view to the public Safety ; and if any such Returns shall not be so delivered within Fourteen Days after the same shall have been required, every such Company shall forfeit to Her Majesty the Sum of Five Pounds for every Day during which the said Company shall neglect to deliver the same ; and every such Penalty may be recovered in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record or in the Courts of Session or in any of the Sheriffs Courts in *Scotland*: Provided always, that all such Returns shall be privileged Communications, and shall not be Evidence in any Court whatsoever.