

presidents, managers and companies, to erect and establish scales and weights at and near such and so many of the gates erected, or to be erected, in pursuance of this act, as they may think proper, and where there seem reasonable cause to suspect that any cart, wagon, or any other carriage of burthen, carries a greater weight than is or shall be by law allowable, it shall be lawful for the toll-gatherers, or other persons in their service or employment, to prevent the same from passing such gate or turnpike, until such cart, wagon, or other carriage of burthen, shall be drawn into the fixed or erected scales at or near any such gate or turnpike, and the weight or burthen drawn therein ascertained by weight; and if the person or persons driving, or having care or charge of any such cart, wagon, or other carriage of burthen, shall refuse to drive the same into any such scales for the purpose aforesaid, the person or persons so refusing shall forfeit and pay to the said president, managers and company, any sum not less than five dollars nor more than eight dollars, to be recovered in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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

Weights to be drawn.

Provisos.

19. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby constituted a court of inspection, and it shall and may be the duty of the said companies, once every year, and oftener if required by the court, to lay before the same a correct and methodical account of their disbursements and expenditures, and of the amount of tolls collected 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 courts 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, low-

Court of inspection--may reduce rate of tolls.