

unsafe, and notice thereof to any of them, the Proprietors of the said Draw-Bridge, or to their agent or Toll-gatherer given, to cause the same to be repaired and made safe and commodious for the passage of travellers, cattle and carriages, and if within the time last mentioned the said Draw-Bridge be not so repaired as the case may require, then the said Bridge or such part or parts thereof as shall be remaining, shall be and be taken and considered to be the property of His Majesty, and after such default to repair the said Draw-Bridge, the proprietors of the same, their heirs, executors, curators or assigns shall cease to have any right, title or claim of, in or to the said Draw-Bridge or the remaining parts thereof, and the tolls hereby granted, and their and every of their right or rights in the premises shall be wholly and for ever determined. Provided always, that before the said default is incurred and during the interval hereby allowed for the repairing of the said intended Draw-Bridge, it shall and may be lawful for the Proprietors of the same, their heirs, executors, curators and assigns, and they are hereby authorized and required to provide proper and convenient ferry-boats, scows or canoes for the passage of travellers, cattle and carriages over the said River, as near the said intended Draw-Bridge as conveniently may be, and to demand, collect and receive for the passage of such travellers, cattle and carriages in the said ferry-boats, scows or canoes, before they respectively shall be permitted to pass, the like tolls as are hereby authorized to be taken for passing over the said intended bridge, any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided always, that in the event of the said bridge being carried away or accidentally destroyed, the said Proprietors shall be allowed and held to rebuild the same within eighteen months from the time of such accident.

During the time the Bridge is building, convenient ferry boats to be provided for the passage of Travellers, &c.

In the event of the Bridge being carried away, the proprietors to rebuild the same within 18 months.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall maliciously pull down, burn or destroy the said Draw-Bridge or any part thereof, or the Toll-House which may be erected on or adjacent thereto, every person so offending and thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

Penalty on persons destroying the Bridge.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any person either on horseback or in carriage, calash or cart, who shall trot or gallop over or upon the said intended Draw-Bridge, or who shall thereupon drive any horses, oxen or cattle of any description at any other pace than a walk, or who shall fire or discharge any fowling-piece or gun, on any part of the said intended Draw-Bridge, or who shall use any force or violence to pass over the said Draw-Bridge, without previously paying the tolls provided and established by this Act, on being thereof lawfully convicted as hereinafter provided, shall, for every such offence, incur a forfeiture and penalty not exceeding forty shillings current money of this Province, one half of which penalty shall belong to the owners of the said intended

Penalty on persons driving or galloping over the Bridge.