

Exemption in
certain cases.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person, horse or carriage, employed in conveying a Mail or Letters under the authority of His Majesty's Post Office, nor the horses, or carriages, laden or not laden, and drivers attending officers and soldiers of his Majesty's forces, or of the militia, whilst upon their march or on duty, nor the said officers, soldiers or any of them, nor carriages and drivers or guards sent with prisoners of any description, shall be chargeable with any toll or rate whatsoever. Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful for the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns to diminish the said tolls or any of them, and afterwards, if he or they shall see fit again to augment the same, or any of them, so as not to exceed in any case the rates herein-before authorized to be taken. Provided also, that the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns shall affix or cause to be affixed, in some conspicuous place, at or near such toll-gate, a table of the rates payable for passing over the said bridge; and so often as such rates may be diminished or augmented, he or they shall cause such alteration to be affixed, in the manner aforesaid.

Fr. Verrault,
may reduce and
afterwards ad-
vance the tolls.

Table of rates
to be fixed in
some conspicuous
place at the toll
gate.

Tolls vested in
Fr. Verrault.

Unless his Ma-
jesty, at the end
of 60 Years, shall
assume the pos-
session of the
bridge, &c. then
the same shall be
vested in his Ma-
jesty.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said tolls shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said *François Verrault*, his heirs and assigns, for ever. Provided, that if His Majesty shall, in the manner herein-before mentioned, after the expiration of fifty years from the passing of this Act, assume the possession and property of the said bridge, toll-house, turnpike and dependencies, and the assents and approaches thereto, then the said tolls shall, from the time of such assumption, appertain and belong to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, who shall from thence-forward be substituted in the place and stead of the said *François Verrault*, his heirs and assigns for all and every the purposes of this Act.

Penalty on per-
sons forcibly pass-
ing the turnpike
without paying
toll or who shall
obstruct the said
François Verrault
in building the
bridge, &c.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall forcibly pass through the said turnpike without paying the toll or any part thereof; or shall interrupt or disturb the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns, or any person or persons employed by him or them, for building or repairing the said bridge, or making or repairing the way over the same, or any road or avenue leading thereto, every person so offending, in each of the cases aforesaid, shall for every such offence, forfeit a sum not exceeding forty shillings, currency.

As soon as the
bridge is complet-

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that as soon as the said Bridge shall be passable and opened for the use of the public, no person or persons shall