

12. If any person shall wilfully and maliciously, and to the prejudice of the said undertaking, break, damage, throw down or destroy any of the works to be erected or made by virtue of this Act, any such person shall be adjudged guilty of felony; and every such person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be liable to the punishment prescribed for felony by the laws of this Province.

*Penalty for malicious injuries to the works.*

13. No toll whatever shall be demanded or taken for any horse, beast, cattle or carriage of whatever description, employed or to be employed in conveying, fetching or guarding Mails of letters and expresses, under the authority of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or the duly authorised Post Office authorities in this Province, or of the Provincial Government, either when employed in conveying, fetching or guarding the same; or for any soldiers upon their march, or upon duty, or for any horse, cattle or carriages, attending them with their arms and baggage, or returning after having been so employed, nor for any wagon, cart or other carriage whatsoever, or the horse or horses, or other cattle drawing the same, which shall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, Commissariat or other public stores, of or belonging to Her Majesty's service; and no poor, or other rates or taxes, shall be assessed or levied upon the said Company, for or on account of the said bridge and its appurtenances.

*Cattle and carriages with mails, Soldiers on their march, and Ordnance stores, &c., exempted from tolls.*

14. The Directors shall at the general annual meeting of the Company in each and every year, lay before the stockholders for their information, an exact and particular statement of the state of the affairs and business of the said Company, agreeably to the several regulations of this Act, so as the same may contain a true account of the whole affairs of the said Company; which statement shall be signed by the Directors, and attested by the Secretary.

*Statement of the Company affairs to be laid before the Directors at the annual-meeting.*

15. If any shareholder shall fail to pay the amount of any assessment made by the said Company, or any part thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue such shareholder for the amount thereof, or so much thereof as may be and remain due and owing thereon, in any Court of law or equity, having competent jurisdiction, and to recover the same, with lawful interest, from the day on which such assessment was payable, with costs of suit.

*Shareholders failing to pay the assessments may be sued.*

16. In any action or suit to be brought by the said Company against any shareholder to recover any money due for any call, it shall not be necessary to set forth the special matter, but it shall be sufficient for the said Company to declare that the defendant is the holder of one or more shares in the said Company, [state the number of shares] and is indebted to the said Company in the sum of money to which the assessment or assessments in arrear shall amount, in respect of one assessment or more upon one share or more, [state the number and amount of such assessments] by means of which an action hath accrued to the said Company by virtue of this Act.

*Declaration in suit.*

17. On the trial or hearing of such action or suit, it shall be sufficient to prove that the defendant, at the time of making such assessment, was a holder of one share or more in the said undertaking, and that such assessment was in fact made, and it shall not be necessary to prove any other matter whatsoever, and thereupon the said Company shall be entitled to recover what shall be due upon such call, and interest thereon.

*Proof.*

18. Should the Provincial Government, at any time after the passing of this Act, be willing and desirous of assuming the said bridge, and placing the same upon the great road establishment of the Province, for the free passage of all Her Majesty's subjects, and pay to the said Corporation the whole costs and outlay in and about its erection and maintenance, then and in such case the said Corporation

*Bridge may be assumed by the Provincial Government on payment of cost, &c.*