

in the Articles of Association of such Company were registered prior to the expiration of the then current period for the completion of such work; and provided also, secondly, that such extension or extensions of time shall not in the whole exceed *four* years from the time of the Registration of the Articles of Association and License to proceed as aforesaid.

Punishment of
persons injur-
ing or destroy-
ing the works
of any Com-
pany :

Or removing
materials, &c

Mode of pro-
secution in
certain cases :

Fine

Imprisonment
if fine be not
paid

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall in any way injure, cut, break down, or destroy any part of any such Road, Bridge, or any toll-gate or toll-house, building, or other erection in, upon, or near any such Road, and belonging to or used for the convenience of any such Company under the provisions of this Act, every such person so offending, and being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment; and if any person or persons shall remove any earth, stone, plank, timber, or other materials used or intended to be used in or upon the said Road or Bridge, for the construction, maintainance or repair thereof, or shall forcibly pass or attempt by force to pass any of the toll-gates set up by any such Company, without having first paid the toll fixed by the Directors of such Company, to be received at any such gate, such person shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace, in or near the Township where the injury shall have been done, be sentenced to pay all damages sustained by such Company, to be ascertained by the said Justice, upon the hearing of the said complaint, and also to pay a fine of not more than *two* pounds, nor less than *five* shillings, such damages and fine to be paid either in money, or in the discretion of the said Justice, in labor to be performed upon the said Road or Bridge, under the direction of the said Company, and within the time to be limited by the said Justice, and in default thereof, the offender to be committed to any Lock-up-House in such County, or to the Com-