

*Section 23.*—In all cases of vessels or boats meeting in any of the Canals, the vessel descending the Canal shall keep the tow-path, the ascending vessel passing to the off side ; and when any vessel navigating any Canal, shall overtake another vessel which shall not be moving at the same rate of speed, the vessel so overtaken shall bring up and lie to on the off side, at the first convenient place, in order to allow the faster vessel to pass by, under a penalty of not less than ten shillings, nor more than fifty shillings, for every offence against this section.

Directions to vessels ascending and descending, or overtaking another vessel.

*Section 24.*—No vessel or boat shall be permitted to pass through any Canal in a less time, or at a greater speed than that fixed in the instructions given to the Superintendent or other Officer in charge thereof, (the particulars of which may be ascertained at the first Lock on entering such Canal), under a penalty for every such offence, of five pounds currency : and subject further to be detained at the last Lock, until the time limited for passing such Canal shall have expired.

Not to pass through canal in less than a given time.

*Section 25.*—All boats or scows built with square heads, or sharp corners, shall be provided with a semi-circular platform, firmly fastened upon the bows thereof, and so constructed as to prevent other boats or scows coming in contact with such corners. All such boats or scows shall also have their Owner's names or numbers prominently painted on the sides or stern, and they shall also be provided with two iron stakes with rings, to which to make fast when not moored to snubbing posts : and in the case of boats or scows taking in gravel, clay or stones, it shall be only at such places on the Canal, as the Superintendent shall permit, and they must have such guards or trip-boards on the sides, to prevent such materials falling into the Canal, as the Superintendent may require.

Directions for boats with square heads, or sharp corners.

*Section 26.*—Every vessel, boat or barge navigating any Canal, shall have its rudder so constructed in

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