

*Maitres & Aides de Poste* to fix on their carriages portmanteaux of travellers.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of all and every *Maitre* or *Aide de Poste*, to take charge of and securely flow and fix or cause to be taken charge of and securely flowed and fixed, on or in their respective carriages, the portmanteaux, trunks, bundles or baggage of all and every traveller, under a Penalty of Ten Shillings, current money of this Province, for every neglect, besides being liable for the damage that may arise by such neglect or by the neglect of their men-servants or drivers, glass and earthen ware, excepted.

Duty of the *Maitres de Poste*, &c. arriving with passengers into certain towns and on their departure, from the same.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all persons keeping Post-Houses shall, on arriving at the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and in the Towns of Three Rivers and William Henry, conduct in their carioles or caleches each traveller to the particular part of the City or Town indicated by him, and in departing from any of those places, shall take up and receive into their carioles or caleches, each of the travellers they are to conduct, at the particular part of the City or Town indicated by him.

Certain Fines for offences, where none have been specially imposed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every *Maitre* or *Aide de Poste*, Ferry-man and others, who shall offend against this Act, in any matter or thing for the transgression of which a penalty is not herein specially imposed, shall incur and pay for every such offence, a Fine not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and which shall not be less than Ten Shillings, current money of this Province: and all penalties and Fines hereby imposed for offences against this Act, shall be levied by seizure and sale of the Goods and Chattels of the offender, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Provincial Judge in his Circuit, or of any Justice of the Peace of the District or Precinct wherein such offence, negligence or default shall have taken place; rendering an account of the surplus of such seizure, if any there be, to the party or parties, after having deducted the expences which shall result therefrom: which Warrant such Provincial Judge or Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required to issue, on complaint or information to him made or given on conviction of the offender, or on the oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnessess, (other than the informer,) and the Penalties and Fines when thus levied, shall be paid one half to the informer, and the other half shall appertain to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, except when the said Superintendent shall be the informer; in which case, the whole of the said Fine shall belong to His Majesty, and all monies arising from this Act by Fines or otherwise which shall appertain to His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, shall be paid to the Receiver General of this Province, for the support of the Government thereof, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall direct. Provided always, that no suit or action shall be brought or commenced unless it be within six months after the matter or thing done and committed, and not afterwards. And Provided also, that the Superintendent of Provincial Post Houses shall be admitted as a competent Witness in all matters relating to the execution of this Act, though the action be at his suit, or that he be the prosecutor or informer for any offence, negligence or default against the same.

Limitation of actions.

Superintendent a competent witness.