

V. The Shares and Estates, Stock and Interest, of the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, in the Stock and Property of any Company with which said Company shall unite, or into which it shall merge, and the Property of the said Consolidated Company in this Colony, and between this Colony and the Continent of America, shall be, in all respects, subject and liable to the Debts, Obligations and Liabilities of the said New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, in like manner as the Property of the last-mentioned Company is now liable to such Debts, Liabilities and Obligations aforesaid.

Shares, &c., of Consolidated or Incorporated Company to be liable for debts of New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company.

VI. If any Person shall wilfully and maliciously throw down, destroy, damage, or injure, any Post, Wire, Insulator, Cable, Line, Building, Erection, Apparatus, Machinery, or other Works, or obstruct the operation of any Line of the said New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, or of the said Atlantic Telegraph Company Limited, after such consolidation and merger, as aforesaid, or of any other Company with or into which the said New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company shall at any time unite or merge, under the Provisions of their Act, such Person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction before any Court of Record, be punished with Fine or Imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court; and upon conviction in a summary manner before one or more Justices of the Peace, shall be punished by Fine, not exceeding Five Pounds, or by Imprisonment not exceeding one Calendar Month, at the discretion of such Justice or Justices.

Penalty for injury to property of the Company.

Conviction before a Justice or Justices.

VII. It shall be lawful for any Servant or Officer of the said New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, or for any other Person who may witness the commission of any such offence aforesaid, forthwith to apprehend the Offender, and take him before a Justice of the Peace, to be by him held to bail to answer for such offence, either before a Court of Record, or before one or more Justices, as the said Justice may determine.

Power to apprehend offender.

VIII. All such Fines as aforesaid shall be paid, one half to the party who shall prosecute for the same, and the other half to the Receiver General, for the use of the Colony; and no conviction that may be had before one or more Justices shall be quashed for want of form, provided sufficient shall appear in such conviction to warrant the same upon the merits.

Appropriation of fines.

IX. If any Action shall be instituted against any Person on account of any such apprehension as aforesaid, the Defendant therein may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence.

Protection of party arresting offender.