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Penalty

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shall erect, or cause to be erected, any bridge or bridges, or works or use any ferry for the carriage of any persons, cattle or carriages whatsoever, for hire, across the said river Etchemins, within half a league above the said bridge, nor below the said bridge, within three acres above the passage or ford commonly known by the name of *Traverse à Nadeau*, and if any person or persons shall erect a toll-bridge or toll-bridges over the said river Etchemins, within the said limits, he or they shall pay to the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, treble the tolls hereby imposed, for the persons, cattle, and carriages, which shall pass over such bridge or bridges; and if any person or persons, shall, at any time, for hire or gain, pass or convey any person or persons, cattle or carriages, across the said river Etchemins, within the said limits aforesaid, such offender or offenders, shall, for each person, carriage or animal so carried across, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding forty shillings, currency. Provided that nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to prevent the public from passing any of the Fords in the said river Etchemins, within the limits aforesaid, or in canoes, without gain or hire.

Penalty on persons pulling down the bridge or toll houses.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall maliciously pull down, burn, or destroy the said bridge, or any part thereof, or the toll-house to be erected by virtue of this Act, every person so offending, and being thereof legally convicted, shall be deemed guilty of felony.

François Verrault required to erect the bridge within three years

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, the said *François Verrault*, to entitle himself to the benefits and advantages to him, by this Act granted, shall and he is hereby required to erect and complete the said bridge, toll-house, turnpike and dependencies within five years from the day of the passing of this Act; and if the same shall not be completed within the time last mentioned, so as to afford a convenient and safe passage over the said bridge, he the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators and assigns, shall cease to have any right, title or claim of, in or to the tolls, hereby imposed, which shall from thence forward belong to His Majesty; and the said *François Verrault*, shall not, by the said tolls, or in any other manner or way, be entitled to any reimbursement of the expences he may have incurred in and about the building of the said bridge; and in case the said bridge, after it shall have been erected and completed, shall, at any time, become impassable or unsafe for travellers, cattle or carriages, he the said *François Verrault*, his heirs, executors, curators or assigns, shall, and they are hereby required, within two years from the time at which the said bridge shall, by His Majesty's Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the said District of Quebec, be ascertained to be impassable or unsafe, and notice thereof, to him or them, by the said Court given, to cause the same to be rebuilt or repaired, and made safe and commodious for the passage of travellers, cattle and carriages, and if within the time last mentioned,