the same, then and in that case he shall be committed to the Common Gaol for such period not exceeding two months, as the Justice or Court may direct.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That in any action brought 5 by or on behalf of any such Company, in any Court or in any proceeding before a Justice of the Peace on the behalf of any such Company, the President and any shareholder shall be competent witnesses, notwithstanding their interest in such suit or otherwise.

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Shareholders competent · witnesses.

XL. And be it enacted, That if it be found necessary or Tender and deemed proper to conduct any of the pipes or carry any of deposit of Compensation the works of any such Company through the lands of any person, and the consent of such person cannot be obtained for

that purpose, then it shall be lawful for the Company to tender 15 to such person such a sum of money as in the opinion of the Company would compensate him for the damage which would be occasioned to his property by laying such pipes or works of

the Company, and upon the refusal of such person to receive the sum tendered the Company may deposit the same with 20 the clerk of the Division Court within which division the said

property is situate, within five days from such tender being made, and at the time of such deposit the Company may obtain from the clerk of said Court, a summons directed to the occupant of such property or person in charge thereof calling

25 upon him to show cause at the next sittings of the Court. why he should not receive the money so deposited in full satisfaction of the privileges required by the Company, and upon the hearing of such summons either party can have a jury upon the same terms as other causes in said Court, and

30 if the judgment shall not be for more than the sum so deposited, the Company shall recover their costs, and if for more, then the claimant shall be entitled to costs, and such judgment shall and may be enforced as other judgments in said Court,

and such judgment shall be final and conclusive between the 35 parties in respect of such damages or privileges; Provided Proviso. always, that after such tender and deposit it shall and may be lawful for the Company to proceed with their works as if the money so tendered had been received by such person, and no action shall be brought either in law or in equity against the

40 Company for any act done in pursuance of the power granted them by this section.

XLI. And be it enacted, That the word "Company," whe-Interpretation rever it occurs in this Act, shall be construed to mean a Joint of certain Stock Company incorporated by registration under the pro-45 visions of this Act; and all words importing the singular