

XIII. Every Railway Company shall as soon as possible, and at least within forty-eight hours, after the occurrence upon the railway belonging to such Company of any accident attended with serious personal injury to the public using the same, or whereby any bridge, culvert, viaduct or tunnel on or of the said Railway shall be broken or so damaged as to be impassable or unfit for immediate use, give notice thereof to the Board of Railway Commissioners; and if any Company shall wilfully omit to give such notice, such Company shall forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of Fifty pounds for every day during which the omission to give the same shall continue.

In case of any serious accident to or upon any Railway, notice to be given by the Company.

Penalty for neglect.

XIV. Every Railway Company shall within ten days after the first days of January and July, in each and every year, make to the said Board of Railway Commissioners, under the oath of the President, Secretary or Superintendent of the said Company, a true and particular return of all accidents and casualties (whether to life or property) which have occurred on the Railway of the said Company during the half year next preceding each of the said periods respectively, setting forth the causes and natures of such accidents and casualties, the points at which they occur, whether by night or by day, and the full extent thereof, and all particulars of the same, and shall also at the same time return a true copy of the existing By-laws of the said Company and of their rules and regulations for the management of the said Company and of their Railway; and the Board of Railway Commissioners may order and direct, from time to time, the form in which such returns shall be made up, and may order and direct any railway Company to make up and deliver to them from time to time, in addition to the said periodical returns, returns of serious accidents occurring in the course of the public traffic upon the Railway belonging to such Company, whether attended with personal injury or not, in such form and manner as the said Board shall deem necessary, and require for their information with a view to the public safety; And if any such returns, verified as aforesaid, shall not be so delivered within the respective times herein prescribed or within fourteen days after the same shall have been so required as aforesaid by the said Board, every such Company shall forfeit to Her Majesty the sum of twenty-five pounds, for every day during which the said Company shall neglect to deliver the same; Provided always, that all such returns shall be privileged communications, and shall not be evidence in any Court whatsoever.

A return of any accidents to be given in annually by each Company;

And of their By-laws.

Form to be appointed by the Board.

Penalty for neglect.

Proviso.

XV. The provisions of the Act passed in the session held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter eleven, intituled, *An Act for the punishment of the Officers and Servants of Railway Companies contravening the By-laws of such Companies, to the danger of person and property*, shall apply to cases of the non-observance or contravention by any such officer or servant of any order or notice of the said Board of Railway

Act 19, 20 V. c. 11, to apply to contravention of orders of the Board.