And Five Shillings for every Fifty Tons additional of the burthen of every Vessel above Four Hundred Tons.

CAP. XI.

An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries, and to repeal the Act now in force.

(Passed 27th day of March, 1837.)

Establishment of Forrise E it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That, from and after the publication of this Act, His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in their General or Special Sessions of the Peace for each County, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to establish such Ferries, over Rivers, Bays or Creeks, within their respective Counties, as may be by them thought necessary, and to agree with, and grant Licenses to, such persons as they shall judge fit to act as Ferrymen, on one or on both sides of such Rivers, Bays or Creeks, under such rules and regulations, and at such rates of Ferriage, as the said Justices shall from time to time establish; and any person or persons who shall agree with such Justices, and shall accept of the office or place of Ferryman, and, after such agreement and acceptance, shall refuse to comply with and observe the several rules and regulations to be made as aforesaid, or shall take and receive more than the established rates of Ferriage, to be fixed by the said Justices, shall, for each and every offence, be fined by the said Justices in their Sessions, in any sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Rules and Regulations

Violation of Rules. &c.

Privileges of Perrymen pretected

II. And be it further enacted, That when any Ferry is duly established, or shall hereafter be established, over any River, Bay or Creek, as aforesaid, and any person or persons duly appointed and licensed to attend the same, if any other person or persons whosoever, not being so licensed, shall carry or ferry over such River, Bay or Creek, any person or persons, or any horse, ox, cow or other description of cattle, or any gig, waggon, cart or other description of carriage, for hire, unless by desire or consent of the Licensed Ferryman, or on his neglect or refusal to give due attendance, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence, to the person or persons who shall sue for the same, a fine not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor less than Five Shillings, to be recovered on complaint before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in the County where the offence shall have been committed, together with the costs of prosecution; and it shall and may be lawful for the said two Justices, upon such conviction, to issue a warrant for the amount of the said fine or fines, together with the costs of prosecution, against the Goods and Chattles of the person or persons so convicted; and if no Goods or Chattles of the said person or persons so convicted can be found, sufficient to satisfy the said fine or fines, together with the costs of prosecution, then to direct, in and by the said warrant, that the said person or persons so convicted as aforesaid, be committed to the Common Gaol of the County where such offence was committed, for any number of days not exceeding ten, and not less than five, unless he or they shall sooner pay the amount of such fine or fines, together with the costs of prosecution. Provided nevertheless, that if any Ferryman appointed as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to give attendance, pursuant to the regulations made for that purpose, in every such case any other person or persons may supply the place of such Ferryman until another. be appointed and licensed as aforesaid, and receive payment for the same in the same manner as the Licensed Ferryman might do if present.

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III. And be it further enacted, That every Licensed Ferryman shall keep a safe and good Boat or Boats, Vessel or Vessels, in good repair, suitable for such Ferry, and shall give rea-

Ferrymen to provide Boats