CATARACT AND NEPEAN BRIDGES. An Act to enable William Hilton Hovell of Goulburn in the County of Argyle Esquire to erect and maintain a Bridge over the Cataract River at a spot known as "Broughton's Pass" and a Bridge over the Nepean River at a spot known as "The Pheasant's Nest" on the line of Road leading from Sydney to Goulburn by way of Campbelltown and Appin to Lupton's Inn and to take Toll thereat for a term of years and for other purposes therein mentioned. [15th December, 1851.]

Preamble.

THEREAS by a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales dated the twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one that part of the road leading from Sydney to Goulburn by way of Campbelltown and Appin to Lupton's Inn was duly proclaimed and the same is and has been for a long time past used as a common highway and thoroughfare for passage from Sydney to the Southern Districts of the Colony and a large and increasing traffic may be expected thereon And whereas it would generally contribute to the convenience of the inhabitants of the Southern Districts as well as to those of Illawarra if bridges were erected across the Cataract and Nepean Rivers both of which intersect the said line of road and cause considerable loss difficulty and impediment to the traffic passing along the same and it would add greatly to the convenience and advantage of the public if bridges were erected across and over each of the said rivers And whereas William Hilton Hovell of Goulburn in the county of Argyle Esquire is desirous of building and maintaining such bridges over the said rivers with proper avenues and approaches thereto upon the conditions of taking to his own use and benefit certain reasonable tolls at the said bridges upon and after the proper completion thereof with the said avenues and approaches thereto but inasmuch as the several purposes aforesaid cannot be effectually accomplished without the aid and authority of the Legislature Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor General of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell Esquire his executors administrators and assigns and his or their agents servants workmen and assistants and he and they are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and build or cause to be constructed and to complete good safe and substantial bridges not less than twenty feet wide each across and over the said rivers at the places known as "Broughton's Pass" and "The Pheasant's Nest" respectively with proper and convenient roads avenues and approaches to and from the said bridges communicating with the road and also to dig and make proper foundations in the said river and cut remove take and carry away all trees roots of trees beds of gravel sand mud or any other impediment whatsoever which may in anywise hinder the erecting and completing the said bridges and generally to do and execute all and every other acts matters and things requisite and necessary useful or convenient for erecting building preserving

Liberty to William Hilton Hovell to creet bridges at Broughton's Pass and Pheasant's Nest.

preserving and protecting and repairing the said bridges and the course and channel of the said rivers and making such proper embankments roads ways avenues and approaches thereto as aforesaid

according to the tenor and true intent and meaning of this Act.

2. And be it enacted That it shall and may be lawful for the and to make and said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns thereto. and he and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make form and set out or cause to be made formed and set out proper commodious and convenient roads avenues or approaches to the said intended bridges in the line of the said proclaimed road from Appin to Lupton's Inn and also obtaining the requisite consent and authority in that behalf through any public or Crown lands or any private lands in the Compensation in case of private lands. said line Provided nevertheless that in case any land belonging to private individuals shall be required for the purpose of forming and opening such approaches it shall be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns to tender to such proprietor such sum of money as he the said William Hilton Hovell shall consider the same to be reasonably worth but in case such proprietor shall deem the said price or compensation insufficient it shall be lawful for him within the space of three calendar months from the time of such tender to apply to His Excellency the Governor to appoint and he shall thereupon appoint accordingly Commissioners to inquire into and assess the same in like manner as is enacted and directed in the case of a road through private property proclaimed by the Governor under and by virtue of an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "An Act for making 4 wm. IV. No. 11. "altering and improving the Roads throughout the Colony of New " South Wales and for opening and improving the Streets in the Towns "thereof" and for the purposes of such assessments the said Commissioners or any two of them shall have and possess all the powers vested in them or any two of them by the said Act and the like duties powers and regulations shall attach and apply to the parties jurors witnesses and others occupied and concerned in relation thereto and in case the price assessed on such inquiry be in excess of the sums tendered by the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns such excess shall in addition to the price tendered by the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns be paid by him or them accordingly together with the costs of the inquiry but if the price awarded upon the said inquiry shall not exceed the sum tendered by the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns the costs of the inquiry shall be paid by the parties demanding the same the amount of which costs shall be assessed and the person or persons by or to whom the same shall be paid shall be ascertained by order of the said Commissioners and shall be recovered by action of debt if not paid on demand pursuant to such order Provided always that the expense of making forming and Expense of maintaining such roads avenues and approaches shall be borne and approaches to be paid by William Hilton sustained by the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administra-Hovell. tors and assigns during the continuance of this Act and in case the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns shall cause to be formed and set out any new or other roads avenues or approaches which may be required as advantageous to the public traffic to the said bridges the said William Hilton Hovell his executors

3. And be it enacted That upon the proper completion of the Tolls to be the prosaid bridges with the said ways and approaches thereto within three william Hilton years from and after the passing of this Act and provided always that Hovell his executors

administrators and assigns shall maintain and keep in repair such new roads avenues and approaches at his or their own cost and charge.

the said bridges during the continuance of this Act shall be kept and maintained in proper repair by the said William Hilton Hovell his heirs executors administrators and assigns the tolls hereafter authorized and directed to be demanded and received at the said intended bridges and the said intended bridges and any toll-house or houses toll-bar or gate and toll-bars and gates thereto belonging and their appurtenances shall during the continuance of this Act and for the term of thirty years next ensuing the completion of the said bridges belong to and be the property of and vested in the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns and it shall be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns to bring actions and suits or institute any criminal or summary proceedings as the case may require against any person or persons who shall steal take or carry away spoil injure or destroy the said bridges or other erections thereto belonging.

Power to levy tolls.

4. And be it enacted That it shall and may be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns to charge demand and receive at the toll-bar or gate toll-bars or gates erected at or upon the said bridges the tolls which are specified in the Schedule marked A annexed to this Act and no higher tolls shall be charged demanded or received than such as are specified in the said Schedule for each and every person animal cart carriage dray wain wagon and other vehicle that shall pass over such bridges.

Exemption of Governor and servants clergymen mails military police and persons employed on the roads from payment of tolls.

5. And be it enacted That no toll shall be taken or demandable by virtue of this Act for or in respect of any horses or carriages of or belonging to the Governor of the said Colony for the time being or to any person in actual attendance upon him or for or in respect of the horses beasts carts carriages and other vehicles of and belonging to the Government and employed at the time of passing the toll-bar or toll-bars toll-gate or gates at or upon the said bridges in the Government service or for or in respect of any horse beast carriage or other vehicle conveying any clergyman in the discharge of his duty or for or in respect of any horse beast carriage or other vehicle carrying the Post Office mails nor shall any toll be demandable or taken by virtue of this Act from any of Her Majesty's officers and soldiers being in proper staff or regimental or military uniform dress or undress in respect of themselves or their horses nor shall toll be demandable or taken by virtue of this Act in respect of any carriages or horses belonging to Her Majesty or employed in Her service when conveying persons baggage arms or ammunition or returning therefrom.

Power to creet toll-gates.

6. And be it enacted That it shall be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns to erect or cause to be erected a toll-bar or gate or toll-bars or gates at or upon the said bridges and at or upon such part or parts thereof as to the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns shall seem fit and to collect and receive the said tolls thereat or to nominate and appoint some fit and proper person or persons to attend the said toll-bar or gate or toll-bars or gates to collect and receive the tolls thereat.

Bridges to be public property at the end of thirty years.

7. And be it enacted That at the expiration of the said term of thirty years and at the expiration of this Act then and from thenceforth the said bridges shall be and shall be deemed to be public bridges.

Bridges to be completed within three years.

8. And be it enacted That if the said bridges with the said roads avenues and approaches be not fully and properly completed within three years next after passing of this Act the powers given in and by the same shall cease and determine.

All roads and approaches to become public property. 9. And be it enacted That all land which shall after the passing of this Act be lawfully formed into an avenue approach or road leading to the said bridges on either side thereof as herebefore provided and shall

shall at any time after the passing of this Act and after the completion of the said bridges be used as such avenue approach or road shall be deemed and taken to be dedicated to the public and shall not be fenced in or resumed on any pretence whatsoever but shall be subject to all such and the like regulations orders powers authorities and provisions to which land used as a public thoroughfare now is or hereafter shall

be subject to by law.

10. And be it enacted That from and after the passing of this Liberty to borrow Act it shall and may be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his of tolls. executors administrators and assigns and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to borrow and take up at interest any sum or sums of money that shall or may be required for the making of the said bridges by one or more mortgage or mortgages of the tolls to be collected at such bridges and of such bridges and of the toll-houses for collecting the said tolls and the mortgagee or mortgagees of the same shall if at any time they lawfully enter into possession of the said tolls and toll-houses and bridges have the same powers and be subject to the same liabilities which are hereby given to and imposed upon the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns in respect of the tolls and the receipt thereto and the repairs of the said bridge.

11. And be it enacted That it shall and may be lawful for the Tolls may be let.

said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns to demise and let to farm the tolls demandable under and by virtue of this Act at or upon the said bridges and the said lessee or lessees shall have the same powers of demanding collecting and taking the said tolls as are hereby given to the said William Hilton Hovell his

executors administrators and assigns.

12. And be it enacted That the said lessee or lessees of the Lessee may appoint said tolls during such time as the said tolls shall be so leased as afore-collectors. said shall and may nominate and appoint such other person or persons as he she or they may think necessary to collect demand and take such tolls so demised leased and farmed and such person or persons so appointed as aforesaid shall and may use all means and methods for the recovery thereof in case of non-payment or evasion as the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns and such lessee or lessees could or might do under and by virtue of this Act.

Hovell his executors administrators or assigns to any person or removable by order persons and the lessee or lessees shall neglect or refuse to perform the Peace. conditions on which the same shall be so let or in case the rent or rents agreed to be paid by such lessee or lessees or any part thereof shall be in arrear for the space of fourteen days next after the day on which the same ought to be paid or the term for which such lessee or lessees held the same shall in any other manner become void it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace upon complaint made upon oath by or on behalf of the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns by warrant under his hand and seal to order a constable or other peace officer with such assistance as shall be necessary to enter upon and take possession of the said bridge and the toll-house or houses at or thereupon and all buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging and to remove and put out such lessee or lessees and the collectors keepers servants or other person or persons who shall be found therein together with his her or their goods from the possession thereof and from the collection of the tolls

in respect thereof and the lease contract or agreement for the same shall thenceforth cease and be utterly void to all intents and purposes

13. And be it enacted That in case the tolls demandable at or In case of non-payupon the said bridges shall be demised by the said William Hilton ment of rent lessees and occupiers

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whatsoever save and except as to the conditions and agreements for payment up to that time of the rent payable for the same and the other conditions or agreements contained therein on the lessee's part and behalf and which shall or may have been broken and the same tolls and toll-houses may be given let or demised to any other person or persons and may in the meantime be collected by the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns or his or their servants and agents in that behalf.

On termination of lease and refusal to quit Justice of the Peace may remove lessee.

14. And be it enacted That in case the lessee or lessees of the said tolls shall on the expiration of the term for which the same shall have been so let or demised to him or them neglect or refuse to deliver up possession to the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns or to any new lessee or lessees possession of the toll-house or toll-houses at or upon the said bridges and all buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace upon complaint made upon oath by or on behalf of the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns by warrant under his hand and seal to order any constable with all such assistance as shall be necessary to enter upon and take possession of the toll-houses and all buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging and to remove and put out such lessee or lessees collectors keepers servants and other person or persons as shall be found therein together with his her or their goods and chattels from the possession thereof.

Table of tolls to be affixed on toll-house.

15. And be it enacted That the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns are hereby required and the lessee or lessees of the said tolls shall and are hereby required during the whole time that he or they shall take or continue to be the lessee or lessees of the said tolls to put up or cause to be put up and continued in some conspicuous place at or near the toll-gate or toll-gates or at and upon the toll-house or toll-houses at or upon the said bridges a table painted in distinct legible black letters on a board with a white ground containing a list of the tolls payable at the said bridges distinguishing severally the amount of tolls and the different sort of cattle beasts carriages or other vehicles for which they are severally to be paid where there shall be any variation therein and the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators and assigns and the lessee or lessees during the whole time that he or they shall continue to take or be the lessee or lessees of the said tolls shall place on some conspicuous place near to such board the christian and surname of the collector or keeper of the said tolls who shall be on duty for the time being and shall continue the same during the whole time such collector shall be on duty and shall change the same on every change that may take place in such collector or keeper on duty to the names of the collectors or keepers that may succeed as often as any such change may take place and if the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns while he shall take the said tolls or his lessee or lessees shall neglect or refuse to put up such table of tolls as aforesaid or to cause the name or names of the said collectors or keepers of such tolls for the time being to be put up as aforesaid or if the collector or keeper of such tolls shall not be in attendance at all times by day and by night at the place at which he is stationed or ought to be or shall demand or take a greater toll from any person than he shall be authorized to do or shall refuse to permit and suffer any person or persons to read or shall in any manner hinder or prevent any person or persons from reading the inscription on the said boards or the name or names so fixed up as aforesaid or shall refuse to tell his christian name and surname to any person or persons who shall demand to know the same on paying

Name of collector to be put up in a conspicuous place.

the said tolls or any of them or upon the legal toll being tendered or paid shall unnecessarily detain or wilfully obstruct hinder or delay any passenger or passengers from going through the toll-gate or tollgates at or upon the said bridges then and in every such case the said collector or collectors of the said tolls shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding forty shillings to be recovered and applied as hereinafter provided.

16. And be it enacted That if any person liable to the payment Persons refusing to of the said tolls under this Act shall after demand neglect or refuse to vented passing. pay the same or any part thereof it shall be lawful for any person having right or authority to collect the same to prevent such person or persons from passing through the said toll-gate or toll-gates and to shut close and fasten the said gates and to keep and continue the same closed and fastened.

17. And be it enacted That if any person or persons shall Penalty on forcibly massing without resist or make forcible opposition against or shall assault any person paying. or persons having right or authority to collect the said toll in the execution of their duty or shall pass through the toll-gate or toll-gates at or upon the said bridges without paying the legal toll to which he or they is or are liable or shall fraudulently or forcibly evade or do any act whatever in order or with the intent to evade the payment of the said toll or tolls or whereby the same shall be evaded every such person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds to be recovered and applied as hereinafter provided.

18. And be it enacted That if any lessee or collector of tolls Penalty for misconunder this Act or any keeper of a gate on the said bridges shall upon duct of gate-keeper. the legal toll being tendered or paid unnecessarily or for an unreasonable time detain or wilfully obstruct hinder or delay any passenger or passengers with or without his her or their horses beasts carriages carts and other vehicles from passing over the said bridges or if any such lessee or collector of tolls or keeper of a gate on the said bridges shall make use of any uncivil scurrilous threatening abusive language or behaviour to any traveller or travellers passenger or passengers over the said bridges then and in each and every such case the said lessee or collector of tolls or keeper of a gate on the said bridges shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding five pounds to be recovered and applied as hereinafter mentioned.

19. And be it enacted That if any person subject or liable to Power to distrain in the payment of any of the tolls under and by virtue of this Act shall case of non-payment. after demand thereof neglect or refuse to pay the same or any part or parts thereof it shall be lawful for the person or persons having right or authority to collect such tolls by himself or themselves or taking such assistance as he or they shall think necessary to seize and distrain any horse beast cattle sheep carriage or other thing upon or in respect of which any such toll is imposed together with their respective bridles saddles gears harness or accoutrements or any of the goods or chattels of the person or persons so neglecting or refusing to pay and if the toll or any part thereof so neglected or refused to be paid and the reasonable charge of such seizure and distress and of keeping and maintaining the same shall not be paid within the space of three days next after such seizure and distress made the person or persons so scizing and distraining may sell the horse beast cattle sheep carriages or things so seized and distrained or a sufficient part thereof returning the overplus of the money to arise by such sale if any and what shall remain unsold upon demand to the owner thereof after such tolls and the reasonable charges occasioned by such seizure distress maintenance and sale shall be deducted.

Penalty for destroying gates &c.

20. And be it enacted That if any person or persons whom-soever shall wilfully or maliciously injure pull or cut down or pluck up throw down break level or otherwise damage demolish or destroy any toll-gate or any chain post rail bar wall or other fence or fences or lamp or lamps of or belonging to any toll-gates at or upon the said bridges or any house or houses erected for the use of any such toll-gate or table of tolls put up at any such toll-gate or toll-gates on the said bridges or any arch wall abutment prop or fence belonging thereto or any part of the said bridges whatsoever then and in each and every such case every person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding ten pounds over and above the damages occasioned thereby to be recovered and applied as hereinafter mentioned.

Cattle to be counted before passing.

21. And be it enacted That all horses cattle sheep and other beasts for which toll shall be demanded or payable under this Act shall be counted by the lessee or collector of tolls under this Act or keeper of the gate at the said bridge before such horses cattle sheep and other beasts shall pass over the said bridges.

Justice of the Peace to hear and determine summarily.

22. And be it enacted That it shall be lawful for any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace to hear and determine in a summary way all offences committed against the true intentand meaning of this Act and for that purpose to summon before him or them any party or parties accused of being an offender or offenders against the tenor and meaning of this Act and in case the party accused shall not appear on such summons or offer some reasonable excuse for his default then and in every such case any such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to proceed to make inquiry touching the matter complained of and to examine any witness or witnesses who shall be offered on either side upon oath and which oath every such Justice is hereby authorized to administer and after hearing the parties who shall appear and the witnesses who shall be offered on either side such Justice or Justices shall convict or acquit the party or parties accused and if the penalty or money forfeited be directed to be paid in any such conviction be not duly paid every such Justice or Justices shall thereupon issue a warrant under his or their hand and seal directed to any constable or constables and thereby require him or them to make distress of the goods or chattels of the offender or offenders to satisfy such penalty or money forfeited or directed to be paid and the costs of the prosecution and distress and if within five days from the distress being taken the penalty or money forfeited or required to be paid and costs shall not be paid the goods seized shall be appraised and sold rendering the overplus if any after deducting the penalty or sum of money required to be paid and the costs and charges of the prosecution distress and sale to the owner or owners thereof which costs and charges shall be ascertained by the Justice or Justices before whom any such offender or offenders shall have been convicted and for want of such distress then every such Justice or Justices shall on the application of any prosecutor or prosecutors and proof on oath made of the conviction and non-payment of the penalty or sum of money directed to be paid and the charges thereon by warrant under his or their hand and seal or hands and seals commit every such offender or offenders to some one of the common gaols of the said Colony for any period not exceeding three months Provided always that no person or persons shall be convicted of any offence or offences contrary to the provisions of this Act in a summary way before any Justice or Justices of the Peace after the expiration of three months from the time when any such offence or offences shall have been committed.

23. And be it further enacted That one moiety of all penalties How penalties &c. to or sums of money recovered under this Act shall be paid to the informer and the other moiety to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors for the public uses of the Colony and for the support of the Government thereof.

24. And be it enacted That no conviction under this Act shall No convictions to be be quashed for want of form or be removed or removable by writ of form. certiorari or otherwise into the Supreme Court and no warrant or commitment shall be held void by reason of any default therein provided that it be therein alleged that the party has been convicted and that there be a good and valid conviction to sustain the same.

25. And be it enacted That if any action or suit shall be com- Limitations of menced against any person or persons for anything done in pursuance actions. of this Act then and in every such case such act or suit shall be commenced or prosecuted within three calendar months after the fact committed and not otherwise and the defendant in every such action or suit shall and may plead the general issue and at the trial thereof give this Act and the special matter in evidence and if the matter or thing complained of shall appear to have been done under the authority and in the execution of this Act or if any such action or suit shall be brought after the time limited for bringing the same then the jury shall find for the defendant and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit or discontinue his or her action after the defendant shall have appeared or have a verdict against him or her or if upon demurrer judgment shall be given against the plaintiff the defendant shall and may recover treble costs and have the like remedy for recovery thereof as any defendant hath in any case by law.

26. And be it enacted That this Act shall continue and be in Duration of Act. force thirty years after the passing of the same provided that the said bridges and the avenues and roads thereto be properly built and completed within three years after the passing of the same.

27. And be it enacted That it shall be lawful for the Governor The Government to with the advice of the Executive Council at any time after the expi-have right of puration of seven years from the completion of the said bridges to and their appurtenances at a fixed purchase the same with all their appurtenances in the name and on the price. behalf of Her Majesty or Her Successors upon giving to the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns three calendar months notice in writing of the intention so to do and upon payment to the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns of a sum equal to the whole sum expended in erecting and completing the said bridges and their appurtenances together with a premium thereon of ten per cent. Provided always that the said Wil-Proviso that a verified account of the liam Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns shall within cost of the bridge be one calendar month after the completion of the said bridges respect-filed in the office of the Colonial Sectively file in the office of the Colonial Section of the said Colony a retary. true and faithful account in detail of all costs and expenses occasioned by and incident to the erection of the said bridges and verified by the declaration of the engineer employed upon the said bridges and that the amount of such costs and expenses shall be the sum upon which the said premium shall be estimated Provided also that at any time Power to sell at any during the continuance of the said term of thirty years if it be con- of thirty years. sidered expedient it shall be lawful for the said William Hilton Hovell his executors administrators or assigns to sell and dispose of the said bridges and their appurtenances and to assign his or their interest in the same to Her Majesty and Her Successors upon such other terms as may in such case be agreed upon between him or them and the Governor for the time being and that upon the completion of such sale the right of the said William Hilton Hovell his executors adminis-

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and maintain the said bridges in repair under this Act shall cease and determine.

Rights of the Crown not affected.

28. Provided always and be it enacted That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to affect or apply to any right title or interest of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors or of any body or bodies politic or corporate or of any other person or persons excepting such as are mentioned herein or of those claiming by or under him her or them.

Act to be deemed a public Act.

29. And be it enacted That this Act shall be deemed and taken as a public Act and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges Justices and others without being specially pleaded.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

TABLE OF TOLLS TO BE LEVIED PAID AND TAKEN UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THIS ACT.

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For every	y foot passenger	• • •	• • •	•••		0	2
,,	horse mare gelding ass	•••	•••			0	4
,,	gig dray or cart with two whe	els or	nly	•••	•••	0	10
,,	wagon carriage or other vehic				•••	1	2
,,	ox or head of neat cattle draw:	ing o	r not dr	awing l	being		
	more than ten in number				• • •	0	1
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ږو	sheep lamb pig or goat	•••	•••	•••	•••	0	$0\frac{1}{4}$

No double toll shall be charged on Sunday nor shall the above tolls be payable more than once in each day and payment at one bridge shall clear both.