



Regulation of Railways Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 78 34 and 35 Vict

[^{F1} Miscellaneous

[^{F1}11 Disobedience to or obstruction of inspector or court.

If any person, without reasonable excuse (proof whereof shall lie on him), does any of the following things; namely,

- (1) Having been summoned, and having had the expenses (if any) to which he is entitled tendered to him, fails to attend as a witness before any inspector under this Act, or before a court holding an investigation under this Act, or fails when required by the inspector or such court in pursuance of this Act so to do, to make any answer, or to give any return, or to produce any document, or to make or sign any declaration; or
- (2) Prevents or impedes the inspector or such court in the execution of his or their duty, he shall for every such offence incur a penalty not exceeding [^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale], and in the case of a refusal to make any return or produce any document, not exceeding [^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale] during every day that such failure continues; and where the offence consists of preventing or impeding as aforesaid, the inspector, or any member of such court, or any person called by him to his assistance, may seize and detain the offender until he can be conveniently taken before a court of summary jurisdiction, to be dealt with according to law.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Act repealed (E.W.S.) (10.5.1997) by [S.I. 1997/553, reg. 12\(1\), Sch. Pt. I](#)

F2 Words substituted (E.W.S.) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation of Railways Act 1871, Section 11.