

various forts of poles, hooks, chains, ropes, ladders and other tools and instruments for extinguishing fires, the rage and violence of which may be in great part prevented if a sufficient number of skilful persons be appointed to have the care, management and working of the said fire engines, and other tools and instruments for extinguishing of fires, in cases of such casualty and distress that may hereafter happen.

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly,* That from and with all convenient speed after the publication hereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of St. John or the major part of them in common council convened, and they are hereby required to elect, nominate and appoint a sufficient number of strong, able, discreet, honest and sober men, willing to accept, not exceeding thirty-two in number, being freemen or freeholders of the said city, to have the care, management, working and using the said fire engines and the other tools and instruments for extinguishing of fires that may happen within the said city, which persons so to be elected, nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall be called the *Firemen of the city of St. John*, and who are hereby required and enjoined always to be ready at a call, by night as well as by day, to manage, work and use the same fire engines, and others that may hereafter belong to the same city, and the other tools and instruments for extinguishing of fires that may happen or break out in the city aforesaid.

Mayor &c. of the city of Saint John to elect proper persons to take charge of fire engines.

① increased to 40
vid: post pa: 165.

To be called firemen.

II. And in order to compel and oblige the firemen so to be elected, nominated or appointed as aforesaid, to be diligent, industrious and vigilant, in the execution and discharge of their office and duty. *Be it further enacted,* That the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the said city for the time being, in common council assembled, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to remove and displace all or any of the firemen so as aforesaid to be elected, nominated or appointed, when and as often as they shall think fit, and others in the room or places of such as they shall remove or displace, to elect, nominate or appoint and put in, and so from time to time as they the mayor, aldermen and commonalty aforesaid, for the time being, in manner aforesaid shall see convenient.

Firemen removable by mayor, &c.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons so to be elected, nominated or appointed firemen as aforesaid, and each and every of them from time to time, during the continuance of being in the office of firemen, and no longer, shall and are hereby declared to be freed, exempted, and privileged from the several offices of constable and surveyor of the highways, and from being compellable to serve in the militia except in cases of invasion or other imminent danger—and the names of such persons to

Firemen freed from serving as constables.

Exempted also from serving as surveyors in the Mayor's Court
Sergeants & Constables from
vid: post pa: 165.

Names of firemen registered