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him one person as a Companion & Assistant.

Chimnies may take one person with him as his Companion on the said visits, to see and testify, if necessary, the Condition of the house with respect to the Buckets, Hatchet, firepoles, and Ladders, aforesaid; And a Refusal to admit such Companion of the Overseer into the house, shall subject the Occupier of the house to the same penalty as a Refusal to admit the Overseer himself.

The Overseer shall also observe whether any Hay or Straw is kept in any Dwelling houses or any ashes are kept on any wooden floor or in any wooden vessel in any Dwelling house.

And if any Hay or Straw shall be found in any dwelling house, or any Ashes shall be found on any wooden floor, or in any Wooden Vessel in any Dwelling house, the Occupier of such Dwelling house shall be liable to a penalty of one Spanish Dollar.

ALSO it shall be the duty of the said Overseers of the Chimnies, when they thus visit the said houses, to observe whether or no any Hay or Straw is kept in the Garrets and Cellars, or in any other part of any Dwelling house, and whether any Ashes are kept on any wooden floor or in any wooden Vessel in any Dwelling house contrary to the Injunctions of the Ordinance above mentioned. AND on these Occasions each of these Overseers may take with him any person that he thinks fit as a Companion and Assistant in making these visits and enquiries. And if any Hay or Straw shall be found in the Garrets, or Cellars, or any other part of any Dwelling house, in either of the said Towns of Quebec and Montreal, or the Suburbs thereof, or in the said Town of Three Rivers, or if any Ashes shall be found, on any Wooden floor, or in any wooden vessel, in any Dwelling house in the said Towns or Suburbs, by the Overseer of the Chimnies for the Town in which such house is Situated; or if the Occupier of the house shall refuse to permit the Overseer and his Companion to visit every part of the said Dwelling house (the said House not having been visited by the said Overseer within one month then last past) in either of these Cases the Occupier of the said Dwelling house shall forfeit the Sum of One Spanish Dollar, of which one half shall belong to Our Sovereign Lord the King, and the other half to the Overseer of the Chimnies, who shall sue for the same, by Information before any one Justice of the Peace for the District in which such house is Situated, who is hereby authorized and required to hear and determine such Information in a Summary Manner, and upon the Oath of one Credible witness, (being some other than the said Overseer himself) and to levy the said Sum of One Spanish Dollar, together with the Costs of suing for the same, by a Warrant in writing under his hand, to seize and sell the Goods of the Offender.

No person shall keep more than Twenty-five pounds weight of Gunpowder in his house.

The overseer of the Chimnies shall in his ordinary Visits of the houses observe the quantity of Gunpowder kept in them.

FURTHER, it shall be unlawful for any person residing in either of the said Towns of Quebec and Montreal or the Suburbs thereof, or in the said Town of Three Rivers, whether he be an housekeeper or only a Lodger in any house in either of the said Towns or Suburbs, to keep or have at any time more than twenty five pounds of Gunpowder in his House or Lodging, or in any Stable or Outhouse belonging thereunto. And it shall be the Duty of the said Overseers of the Chimnies, when they visit the houses in the said Towns in the manner above mentioned, to go likewise into the Stables and Outhouses thereunto belonging, and observe whether any, and what quantity of Gunpowder is kept either in the said Houses, or Stables, or Outhouses.

Penalty of refusing to permit the said Overseer to visit for this Purpose any house, stable or Outhouse.

AND if the Occupier of any Dwelling house or Lodging, Stable or Outhouse, in either of the said Towns or the Suburbs thereof, when the Overseer of the Chimnies visits the houses in the said Towns and Suburbs in the manner above mentioned, shall refuse to