

exceeding *Forty*, as shall be Ordered by the Sessions of the Peace, or Court where the Offender shall be Convicted. And for the better preventing fraudulent Practices of this kind, all such Effects, taken up by Persons who are not the lawful Owners thereof, shall be by the Finder forthwith publicly Advertised, by the Common Cryer, and by Posting up Notifications in the most public Places of the Town, and in Case any Owner shall appear, and Prove his Claim thereunto, before any *Justice of the Peace*, within *Twenty Days* after, he shall have the same restored, paying reasonable Salvage to the Finder.

In Council the Twentyninth of April, 1751. RESOLVED, That (Whereas a Doubt has arisen whether by the late Order of the Governor and Council, of the Fourteenth January last, Persons Convicted of fraudulently taking Effects, the Property of another, from any part of the Beach, or Streets or Wharves of this Town, or from any Lott of Land granted to any Person about this Harbour &c. should upon their Conviction, be liable to pay the Charges of the Protection) such Offender shall, upon Conviction, pay Fourfold the Value of the Effects so taken, and pay the Charges of Prosecution, and further shall be publicly whipt for said Offence, at the Discretion of the Court before whom they shall be convicted; and in Case of their Refusal to make said payment, they shall be imprisoned 'till the Money shall be paid.

3. *In Council the Sixth of March, 1752. RESOLVED, That from and after the Publication hereof, no Person or Persons within this Province, shall presume to Sell, or offer to Sale, any Flour otherwise than by Weight, upon Penalty of Three Pounds for each Barrel of Flour so sold, or offered to be sold, (and in the same proportion for any other Quantity) The said Three Pounds to be for the use and benefit of the Informer, upon Conviction, by the Oath of the said Informer, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be levied by Distress on the Offenders Goods and Chattels.*

4. *In Council the Twenty ninth of September, 1752. RESOLVED, That when any Fire shall break out in the Town of Halifax, or the Suburbs thereof, Two or Three of the Magistrates of the said Town, shall and may, and are hereby impowered, to give Directions for pulling down or blowing up any such House or Houses, as shall be by them adjudged meet to be pulled down or Blown up, for the stopping and preventing the further spreading of the Fire. And if it shall so happen that the pulling down or Blowing up of any such House or Houses, by the directions aforesaid, shall be the occasion of stopping the said Fire, or that the said Fire shall stop, before it come to the same, That then all and every Owner of such House and Houses, shall receive reasonable Satisfaction, and be paid for the same by the rest of the Inhabitants of the said Town and Suburbs, (to be accounted from the River called *fresh Water River*, to *Mr. Maugers Distilling-House* inclusive) whose Houses shall not be burnt, at such Rate or Rates as shall be thought just, (in proportion to the Value of the Houses that are to be taxed) by the Justices of the said Town and County, in Court assembled at their next Quarterly Sessions; the said Tax to be levied, in case of nonpayment, by Warrant of Distress from the said Justices,*

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