

any duty assigned to him by the said Council under the authority of this section.

4. For establishing or authorizing and requiring to be established after each fire in the said Town, a judicial enquiry into the cause and origin of such fire, for which purpose the said Council or any Committee thereof, authorized to the effect aforesaid, may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and examine them on oath, which oath shall be administered to them by any of the Members of the said Council or of such Committee; and the said Council or Committee may also deliver over to be imprisoned in the common gaol of the district, any person against whom well grounded cause of suspicion may be found of his having maliciously originated the said fires;

Enquiring into causes of fires.

5. For regulating the manner in which and the periods of the year when chimneys shall be swept, and for granting licenses to such numbers of chimney sweeps as the said Council shall think proper to employ, and for obliging all proprietors, tenants or occupants of houses in the said Town to allow their chimneys to be swept by such licensed chimney sweeps; and for fixing the rates to be paid for sweeping chimneys, either to the Council or such licensed chimney sweeps; and for imposing a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars on all persons whose chimneys may have caught fire after any refusal to allow them to be swept, such penalty to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace of the said Town; and whenever any chimney which shall have caught fire as aforesaid, shall be common to several houses, or be used by several families in the same house, the said Justice of the Peace shall have power to impose the above penalty in full on each house or family, or to divide the same among them in proportion to the degree of negligence shewn on proof before him;

Sweeping of chimneys.

6. For regulating the manner in which ashes or quick lime shall be kept in the said Town, and for preventing the inhabitants of the said Town from carrying fire in the streets without necessary precaution, from making a fire in any street, from going from their house to their yards and outbuildings and entering therein with lighted candles not enclosed in lanterns; and generally for making such regulations as they may deem necessary for preventing or diminishing accidents by fire.

Ashes and quick lime

7. For regulating the conduct of all persons present at any fire in the said Town; for obliging idle persons to assist in extinguishing the fire, or in saving effects which may be in danger, and for obliging all the inhabitants of the said Town to keep at all times upon and in their houses, ladders, fire-buckets, battering rams and fire-hooks, in order the more easily to arrest the progress of fires;

Conduct at fires.

8. For defraying out of the funds of the said Town any expense which the said Council shall deem expedient to incur, in aiding or assisting any person in their employ, who shall have received any wound or contracted any severe disease at any fire in the said Town; or in assisting or providing for the family of any person in their employ who shall perish at any fire; or in bestowing rewards in money or otherwise upon persons who shall have been particularly useful or zealous at any fire in the said Town;

Persons wounded at fires.