

Penalties how recovered.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties imposed by this Act, shall be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record, within this Province, one half thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, for the use of this Province, the other half thereof to the person who shall sue for the same.

Monies raised under this Act.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That all monies raised under this Act, shall be paid into the Treasury, and placed to the general credit of this Province.

Continued to 18th March, 1821.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act, and every matter, clause and thing, therein contained, shall continue, and the same is hereby continued, in full force and effect, until the eighteenth day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and no longer.

### CAP. VII.

An ACT in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, since the passing of the said Act, many Houses and Buildings of stone and brick have been erected in the Town of Halifax, by which the danger of Fire has been diminished; and, in case of Fire, such Houses and Buildings are a great means of the preventing the spreading thereof, and it is expedient to encourage the erection of such Houses and Buildings:

Buildings exempted from assessment.

I. *BE it therefore enacted*, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, That when any Fire shall break out in the said Town of Halifax, or the Suburbs thereof, and any Building or Buildings shall, under the authority prescribed by Law, be pulled down, for the stopping and preventing the further spreading of the said Fire, that no Houses or Buildings of stone or brick, covered with tile, slate, tin or sheet iron, hereafter to be built, shall be subjected to be assessed for more than one fourth part of the value thereof, for the purpose of paying the Owner or Owners of such Building or Buildings as may have been pulled down, to prevent the spreading of any such Fire; any Law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Buildings exempted from half of the assessment.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That all stone and brick Buildings, covered with shingles or any other combustible materials, shall be liable to an assessment upon one half part of the value thereof.

Additional number of Engine Men may be appointed.

*And whereas, it is expedient to encourage the formation of a greater number of Fire Engine Companies:*

Privileges of Engine Men.

III. *BE it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held in Halifax, to appoint a further number, not exceeding twenty discreet and prudent persons, as Engine Men, in addition to the number appointed under the authority of any former Statutes, and such persons, so appointed, shall be subject to the duties, and entitled to all the privileges and exemptions, imposed and granted, by the said Statutes, to Fire-Engine Men.

Act 52d Geo. III. extended to Annapolis, Windsor, Lunenburg and Liverpool.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the Act of the General Assembly, passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, made in the second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining