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Probable causes of the said neglect.

Expediency of enforcing the Execution of the said Ordinance.

And of extending it to the Town of Three Rivers.

After the first day of next January the aforesaid Ordinance of the 23d of February last shall take place in the Town of Three Rivers.

Three officers shall be appointed for the Towns of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, who shall be called Overseers of the Chimnies.

The Chimnies shall be swept at the appointed times by persons employed by the said Overseers.

Housekeepers who refuse to let their Chimnies be Swept by persons employed for that purpose by the said Overseers shall be liable to a penalty of One Spanish Dollar.

Which shall be sued for by the said Overseers.

which such Neglects are Committed, do not actually take fire, and in part to the want of a proper Officer whose particular duty it shall be to Superintend the Execution of the said Ordinance, And in particular to oversee the Chimnies in the said Towns, and take care that they shall be duly Swept at the times therein appointed: AND whereas it is of the greatest Importance to the safety of the said Towns that the directions of the aforesaid Ordinance should be generally complied with: AND whereas it is likewise thought Expedient that the Provisions of the aforesaid Ordinance should be extended to the Town of Three Rivers: IT is therefore Ordained and Declared by His Excellency the Governor in Chief of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of the same, That from and after the first day of January next, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine, the Ordinance aforesaid, of the Twenty third day of February last; and all the directions therein given, and the penalties for not complying with them, shall take place in the Town of Three Rivers, and be binding upon the Inhabitants thereof in the same manner as if the said Town of Three Rivers had been expressly and by name mentioned in the said former Ordinance.

AND it is further Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, that immediately after the day of the Publication of this present Ordinance in the Quebec Gazette it shall be Lawful for His Excellency the Governor in Chief, Lieutenant Governor, or other the Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, to appoint Three Public Officers, to wit, One for the Town of Quebec, and the Suburbs thereof, to be called The Overseer of the Chimnies for the Town of Quebec, another for the Town of Montreal and the Suburbs thereof, to be called, The Overseer of the Chimnies for the Town of Montreal, and a third for the Town of Three Rivers, to be called, The Overseer of the Chimnies for the Town of Three Rivers, whose duty and Authority shall be as follows:

THESE Overseers shall undertake to cause the Chimnies in the Towns and Suburbs of the Towns in which they are Overseers, to be Swept at the times appointed in the above mentioned Ordinance, by able and Skilful Chimney Sweepers, whom they shall employ for that purpose: And for every Chimney which they shall so cause to be Swept, they shall receive from the Occupier of the house to which such Chimney belongs, the Tenth part of a Spanish Dollar, and no more.

And if any Housekeeper, in either of the said Towns of Quebec and Montreal, or the Suburbs thereof, or in the said Town of Three Rivers, shall refuse to let his Chimney, or Chimnies, be Swept, at the times appointed by the said Ordinance, by the Chimney Sweeper employed for that purpose by the Overseer of the Chimnies of the Town in which such Chimney shall be Situated, he shall for every such Refusal, forfeit the Sum of One Spanish Dollar, which shall be recovered by the said Over-Seer, by Information before any One Justice of the Peace of the District in which such Chimney shall be Situated, who is hereby Authorized and required to hear and determine such Information in a Summary manner, and upon the Oath of