
RULES AND ARTICLES,
TO BE OBSERVED BY
THE HAND IN HAND
FIRE COMPANY.

WHEREAS it is the indispensable duty of every member of a community, more especially in compact towns, to guard against the fatal effects of Fire, and to prevent, as much as possible, the dreadful consequences of so alarming and destructive a calamity: and whereas it is generally acknowledged and confessed, from the experience of every well-regulated society, that public associations have the best tendency to prevent those evils which are too frequently felt by the unfortunate, from the baseness and treachery of wicked and designing persons, who avail themselves of the confusion incident to such events, as the most favorable for the perpetration of their vile and inhuman practices: We the undersigned, convinced of the truth of these facts,
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