ing all the inhabitants of the said Town to keep at all times upon Ladders, &c. and in their houses, ladders, fire-buckets, battering-rams, and fire hooks, in order the more easily to arrest the progress of fires.

For defraying out of the Funds of the said Town, any expense Assistance to 5 which the said Council shall deem expedient to incur, in aiding or employ of assisting any person in their employ, who shall have received any Council. wound or contracted any severedisease 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 10 or otherwise upon persons who shall have been particularly useful, or who shall have devoted themselves at any fire in the said Town.

For vesting in such Members of the Council and in the Fire Demolition of Inspectors designated in such By-laws, the power of ordering to houses. be demolished, during any fire, any houses, buildings, out-houses 15 or fences which might serve as fuel to the fire and endanger the other property of the inhabitants of the said Town.

For appointing all such officers as the said Council shall deem Appointment necessary for carrying into execution the By-laws to be passed by of officers. them in relation to accidents by fire; for prescribing their duties 20 and powers, and providing for their remuneration, if they think fit, out of the Funds of the said Town.

For authorizing such Officers as the Council shall think fit to Visitation of appoint for that purpose, to visit and examine at suitable times and houses. hours, both the inside and the outside of all houses and build-25 ings of any description, within the said Town, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the rules and regulations passed by the said Council under the authority of this Section are regularly observed in the said Town, and for obliging all proprietors, possessors or occupants of houses, to admit such officers for the purposes afore-30 said.

LII. And be it enacted, That any person enrolled and serving Exemptions to in any fire, hose, hook or ladder, or property protecting company, firemen. shall, during the time he may so continue to serve, be exempted from serving as a Juror, Constable or Militiaman, excepting during 35 any war or invasion; and any fireman who shall have served during five consecutive years, shall, upon producing a certificate thereof, signed by the Mayor of the said Town, be for ever exempt from serving as a Juror, Constable, or Militiaman.

LIII. And be it enacted, That if any person residing in the Refusal or 40 said Town who shall have been assessed at any sum of money by taxes. virtue of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to pay the sum imposed