

feit and pay Five Pounds to the Use of the Poor of said Town, to be recovered before the Justices in Sessions for the County of Halifax, on the Complaint of any Inhabitant of said Town, being a Freeholder or Housekeeper.

And Firewards neglecting to give Information to forfeit £5.

III. *And be it further Enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any three of the Firewards on View of any Chimney, Stove, Pipe or Smoke Funnel in said Town which they may deem to be dangerous and insufficiently built, or secured to prevent the Risk of Fire, to order the same to be removed, altered or repaired as they may direct, within Twenty Four Hours or such reasonable Time, whether longer or shorter as they may think proper to allow. And if the Occupant or Occupants of such House or Building in which such Chimney, Stove, Pipe or Funnel shall be placed, shall neglect to remove, repair or secure the same as directed, it shall and may be lawful for such Firewards to apply to any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within said Town, and to three or more Freeholders there to view and examine the same. And in Case such Justice and every three of such Freeholders shall agree in Opinion with said Firewards, that such Chimney, Stove, Pipe or Funnel is likely to endanger the said Town or any Building in it. And the Owner or Occupant of the House or Building where the same is or shall be placed shall not then give to such Firewards good and sufficient Security to alter, repair or remove the same as they shall direct, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to order the same to be immediately removed or prostrated as a common Nuisance, and to issue a Warrant of Distress to seize and sell at Public Outcry so much of the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Occupant as shall be sufficient to defray the Expence of the Removal or Prostration of such Nuisance.

Firewards to order Chimney Stove Pipe or Funnel to be taken down or altered if dangerous

And Persons neglecting to remove them when ordered, a Justice of the Peace may order them to be prostrated as a Nuisance.

IV. *And be it further Enacted*, That the Justices of the County of Halifax shall and may from Time to Time make Rates or Assessments on the Inhabitants of the said Town of Halifax for purchasing and keeping in good Order and Repair one or more Fire Engines for the Use of said Town, to be kept in such Part or Parts of said Town under the Direction of the Firewards as shall by them be deemed most convenient, the said Rate or Assessment to be levied and collected in the manner the Poor Rates in said Town are now levied and collected, and under the like Pains and Penalties.

Justices to make Rates for the purchasing one or more Fire Engines for the Use of the Town.

V. *And be it further Enacted*, That not more than Twenty Five Pounds of Powder shall be kept at any one Time in any one House, Shop or Building in said Town of Halifax, which Powder shall be kept in a Tin Canister with a close Cover. And it shall and may be lawful for any three of the Firewards to seize as forfeit for the Use of the Poor of said Town, and to sell at Public Outcry any greater Quantity of Powder found by them or either of them, contrary to

Not more than 25 Pounds of Powder to be kept in any House or Shop at one Time.

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