

any Justice of the Peace, upon any such occasion, omits or refuses to be sworn, unless for some cause to be allowed by such Justice at the time, such person shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and such Justice may thereupon record the refusal of such person so to be sworn, and adjudge him to pay a fine of not more than eight dollars, which fine shall be levied and made by the like process as other fines imposed by summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, or such person may be proceeded against by Indictment or Information, as in other cases of Misdemeanor. 7 V. c. 7, s. 14.

sworn in guilty of misdemeanor.

15. Any Justice of the Peace, within whose Jurisdiction any such Meeting is appointed to be holden, may demand, have and take of and from any person attending such Meeting, or on his way to attend the same, any offensive weapon, such as fire-arms, swords, staves, bludgeons, or the like, with which any such person is so armed, or which any such person has in his hands or possession, and every such person who, upon such demand, declines or refuses to deliver up, peaceably and quietly, to such Justice of the Peace, any such offensive weapon as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and such Justice may thereupon record the refusal of such person to deliver up such weapon, and adjudge him to pay a fine of not more than eight dollars, which fine shall be levied and made by the like process as other fines imposed by summary proceedings before Justices of the Peace, or such person may be proceeded against by Indictment or Information, as in other cases of Misdemeanor; But such conviction shall not interfere with the power of such Justice or any other Justice, to take such weapon, or cause the same to be taken from such person without his consent and against his will, by such force as may be necessary for that purpose. 7 V. c. 7, s. 15.

Justices of the Peace may disarm persons.

16. Upon reasonable request to any Justice of the Peace, to whom any such weapon has been peaceably and quietly delivered as aforesaid, made on the day next after the Meeting has finally dispersed and not before, such weapon shall, if of the value of one dollar or upwards, be returned by such Justice of the Peace to the person from whom the same was received. 7 V. c. 7, s. 16.

Weapons to be returned to parties in certain cases.

17. No such Justice of the Peace shall be held liable to return any such weapon, or make good the value thereof, in case the same by unavoidable accident, has been actually destroyed or lost out of the possession of such Justice without his wilful default. 7 V. c. 7, s. 17.

If accidentally lost, &c.

18. Any person convicted of a battery, committed within the distance of two miles of the place appointed for the holding of such Public Meeting and during any part of the day whereon any such Meeting has been appointed to be held, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, and imprisonment.

Persons guilty of battery within two miles of the meeting to be punished by certain penalties.