

of His Majesty's Council, from time to time, by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint a sufficient number of prudent and discreet persons, not exceeding eight in the several parts of the Towns (commonly called the Town Plats) of Fredericton and Saint Andrews respectively, and their respective vicinities to be Firewards, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty respectively, before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of York and Charlotte, and certificates thereof indorsed on the several warrants of appointment, for which warrants, oaths and certificates, no fees shall be demanded or received from the persons so appointed and sworn.

Who shall be sworn before a Justice of the Peace, and a certificate endorsed on the warrants of appointment without fee.

Firewards on duty to carry a Staff and Speaking-trumpet.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That in order that the said Firewards may be distinguished from others, when on duty at a Fire, and to enable them to communicate their directions with more facility, they shall each carry a Staff seven feet in length, coloured red, and also a Speaking Trumpet, painted white, with the names of their respective Towns painted on it in black letters.

In case of Fire, the Firewards jointly or separately to command assistance for extinguishing Fires and removing Goods, &c.

to appoint Persons to take care of Goods,

And to require assistance to prevent the spreading of the Fire and to prevent tumults,

Firewards upon notice of Fire to repair with their Badges to the place and exert their authority,

Due obedience to be yielded to the Firewards, by Persons having charge of fire engines.

Persons disobeying orders of the Firewards to forfeit £3, to be recovered before a Justice of the Peace, on the oath of a Fireward or other credible witness and levied by distress and sale,

For want of distress, offender to suffer twelve days imprisonment,

III. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any Fire shall break out in the said Towns of Fredericton or Saint Andrews or in their respective vicinities, and during the continuance thereof, the said Firewards respectively, for and in their respective Towns, are hereby authorised and required jointly or separately to command assistance for extinguishing the fire and removing household stuff, furniture, books, public stores, goods and merchandise out of any houses, store-houses and other buildings actually on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint persons to take care of the same, and also to require assistance to prevent the further spreading of the fire in their respective Towns, and to prevent tumults and disorders in the same; and the said Firewards respectively, are hereby required upon the notice of fire breaking forth in their respective Towns (taking their badges and trumpets with them) immediately to repair to the place and vigorously to exert their authority in requiring assistance, and to use their utmost endeavors to extinguish the fire and prevent its spreading, and to preserve and secure property and effects both public and private; and due obedience is hereby required to be yielded to them and each and every of them accordingly for that service, as well by the person or persons having the charge and management of any Engine or Engines in the said respective Towns, as all other persons whomsoever.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That for every refusal or neglect in any person to obey the order of any Fireward, in performing any of the duties and services herein-before mentioned, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of *three pounds*, to be recovered upon conviction before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of York and Charlotte respectively, on the oath of a Fireward or any other credible witness, and levied by distress and sale of the offenders goods and chattels, and for want of sufficient distress, such offender shall suffer twelve days imprisonment unless the penalty and costs shall be sooner paid, which penalty when recovered, shall be paid into the hands of the over-

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