

Thefts at
Fires.

For preventing thefts and depredations which might be committed at any fire in the said Town, and for punishing any person who shall resist or maltreat any member or officer of the said Council in the execution of any duty assigned to him by the said Council under the authority of this Section.

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Judicial
enquiry.

For establishing, or authorizing and requiring to be established, after each fire in the said City, a judicial enquiry into the cause and origin of such fire, for which purpose the said Council or any Committee thereof authorized to the effect aforesaid, may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and examine them on oath, 10 which oath shall be administered to them by any of the Members of the said Council or of such Committee; and they may also deliver over to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol of the District, any person against whom well grounded cause of suspicion may be found of his having maliciously originated the said fire. 15

Sweeping of
chimneys.

For regulating the manner in which and the periods of the year when chimneys shall be swept, and for granting licenses to such number of chimney-sweeps as the said Council shall think proper to employ, and for obliging all proprietors, tenants or occupants of houses in the said Town to allow their chimneys to be swept by 20 such licensed chimney-sweeps; and for fixing the rates to be paid for sweeping chimneys, either to the Council or to such licensed chimney-sweeps; and for imposing a penalty of not less than five shillings nor more than twenty-five on all persons whose chimneys may have caught fire, such penalty to be recovered before the 25 Mayor or Magistrates Court of the said Town; and whenever any chimney which shall have caught fire as aforesaid, shall be common to several houses, or be used by several families in the same house, the said Court shall have power to impose the above penalty in full, on each house or family, or to divide the same among them in 30 proportion to the degree of negligence shewn on proof before such Court.

Ashes and
quick-lime.

For regulating the manner in which ashes or quick lime shall be kept in the said Town, and for preventing the inhabitants of the said Town from carrying fire in the streets without necessary pre- 35 caution; from making a fire in any street; from going from their houses to their yards and outbuildings and entering therein with lighted candles not enclosed in lanterns; and generally for making such regulations as they may deem necessary for preventing or diminishing accidents by fire. 40

Persons pre-
sent at fires.

For regulating the conduct of all persons present at any fire in the said Town; for obliging idle persons to assist in extinguishing the fire or in saving effects which may be in danger; and for oblig-