

Place of the Defendant's Residence, and the Plaintiffs shall be allowed for Service of a Justices Summons, Six Pence, if the Distance of the Defendant's Residence from the Justices House shall not exceed Six Miles, and if the Distance shall exceed Six Miles than One Shilling and no more.

## C A P. VIII.

An ACT in further Addition to an Act passed in the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled;  
*An Act for appointing Firewards and punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Town of Halifax is often in great Danger of being burned by Reason of the Inhabitants neglecting to sweep and keep clean their Chimnies, for remedy whereof;

Firewards of Halifax to license Chimney Sweepers, and any one following the Calling without Licence to be punished as a Vagabond.

I. Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the Publication hereof it shall and may be lawful for the Firewards in the said Town to nominate and licence fit and proper Persons to be Sweeper of Chimnies, and no Person or Persons shall presume to follow such Occupation or Employment unless he shall be appointed and licensed for that Purpose by the Firewards on Pain of being sent to the House of Correction and there punished as a Vagabond.

Firewards to make Orders respecting the Sweeping Chimnies.

II. And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Firewards in said Town to make Orders and Regulations respecting the Sweeping of Chimnies in each Ward, and to direct the same to be done once a Month at farthest, and oftener if they shall think proper. And in Case any Fire or Fires shall happen in any House or Chimney within said Town, so as to alarm or endanger said Town or the Houses and Buildings in the Neighbourhood of such Fire, and the Occupants or Occupant of the House or Building where such Fire or Fires shall happen cannot make it appear that the Chimney or Chimnies of such House or Building has been swept according to the Rules and Directions of the Firewards by some licensed Sweeper, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Forty Shillings to be recovered on the Complaint of any one of the Firewards in said Town before any Justice of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to be levied by Warrant of Distress on the Offenders Goods and Chattels, and for want thereof on his Body, and to be paid into the Hands of such Fireward to be by him applied to the Repair of the Fire Engines or Water Buckets, or such other necessary Uses as the Safety of the Town from Fire may require, and any Fireward refusing or neglecting to give Information or to make Complaint in such Case, shall forfeit

Any Fire happening and the Occupant not being able to make it appear that his Chimney has been swept as is required to forfeit 40s.