

V. *And be it likewise Enacted*, That if any evil minded wicked Persons, shall take Advantage of such Calamity, to rob, plunder, purloin, imbezzle, or convey away, or conceal any Goods, Merchandizes; or Effects of the distressed Inhabitants, whose Houses are on Fire or endangered thereby, and put upon removing their Goods; and shall not restore and give Notice to the Owner or Owners, if known, or bring them into such Public Place as shall be appointed and assigned by the Governor and Council, within the Space of Two Days next after Proclamation made for that Purpose, the Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall be deemed Felons, and suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Stealing at the Time of Fires, Felony without Clergy.

VI. 22. Geo. 3. Ch. 2 *Be it Enacted*, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That each Fireward appointed agreeable to the Directions of the above recited Act, shall be forthwith provided with one Ladder at least, Twenty four Feet in Length, and one Ladder Sixteen Feet Long with Hooks, one Fire Hook, two Axes, Twelve Leathern Bucketts, twelve large Bags and one Saw, which shall be by the said Fireward deposited in the most convenient Place in such Ward, and at which the Inhabitants of such Ward are to assemble, when the Fire Bell rings, and from thence to proceed under the Direction of the said Fireward, with such of the said Implements as may be required, to the Place of Danger.

Each Fireward to be provided with Ladders, Firehooks, Axes, Bucketts, Bags, and a Saw, to be deposited by him in some convenient Place where Inhabitants are to assemble.

VII. Sect. 3. *And be it also Enacted*, That the Ward or District of which each Fireward shall have Charge, shall be numbered, and that the Ladders, Firehooks, Bags, Axes, Saws, and Bucketts shall be marked with the Number of the Ward to which they belong, and within Twenty Four Hours after the extinguishing any Fire, the said Ladders, Firehooks, Bags, Axes, Saws and Bucketts, shall be delivered at such Place of deposit, and if after said Twenty Four Hours any of said Ladders, Firehooks, Axes, Bucketts, Bags or Saws, shall be found in the Possession of any Person, He or she shall forfeit and pay a Fine of Forty Shillings, to be levied by Warrant of Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, before any one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the said Fine to be paid into the hands of the Fireward, and to be applied for the Purpose of repairing the said Ladders, Firehooks, Axes, Bucketts, Bags and Saws.

Ward or District of each Fireward to be numbered, and Ladders, &c. to be marked.

If after 24 Hours after any Fire any Ladders, &c. are found in the Possession of any Person to forfeit 40s.

VIII. Sect. 4. *And be it also further Enacted*, That the Amount of the Cost of the Ladders, Firehooks, Axes, Bucketts, Bags and Saws, so purchased, shall be levied on the Inhabitants of the Town and Suburbs of Halifax, by Assessment in Manner as is provided for levying the Monies voted for the Support of the Poor, and recovered accordingly.

Cost of the Ladders &c. to be levied on the Inhabitants by Assessment.

IX. Sect. 5. *And be it Enacted*, That the Constables of each Ward, shall attend with their Staves, on the Fireward of such Ward at times of Fire,

Constables to attend the firewards, at the Time of Fire.