

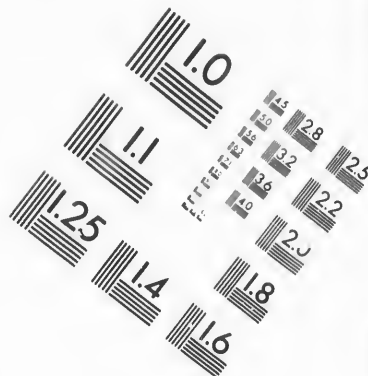
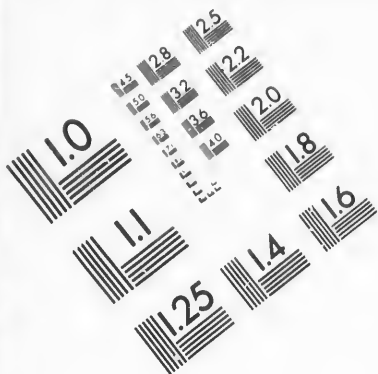
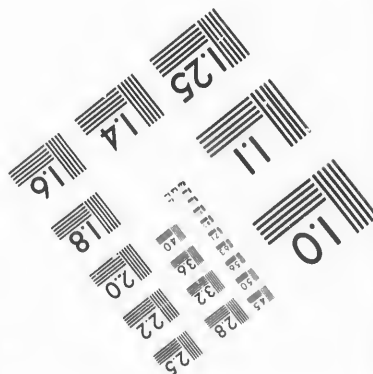
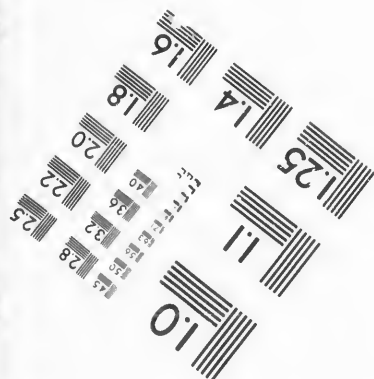
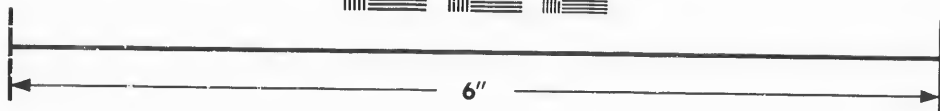
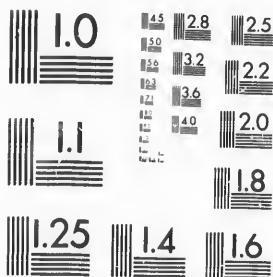


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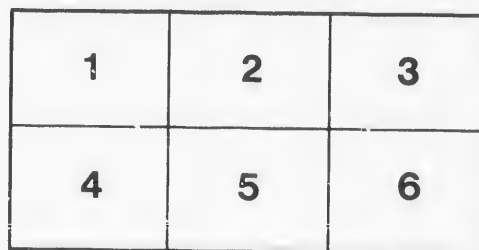
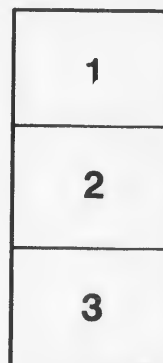
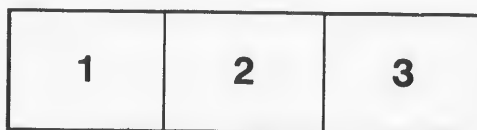
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RULES AND ARTICLES,

TO BE OBSERVED BY

THE HAND IN HAND
FIRE COMPANY,

IN

THE TOWN OF HALIFAX,

INSTITUTED

THE 28th DAY of JANUARY, 1789.

REVISED

AND ORDERED TO BE RE-PRINTED,

AT

A QUARTERLY MEETING

Held the 5th of August, 1801.



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Printed by JOHN HOWE, Printer to the KING's Most Excel-
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RULES AND ARTICLES,
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WHEREAS it is the indispensable duty of every member of a community, more especially in compact towns, to guard against the fatal effects of Fire, and to prevent, as much as possible, the dreadful consequences of so alarming and destructive a calamity: and whereas it is generally acknowledged and confessed, from the experience of every well-regulated society, that public associations have the best tendency to prevent those evils which are too frequently felt by the unfortunate, from the baseness and treachery of wicked and designing persons, who avail themselves of the confusion incident to such events, as the most favorable for the perpetration of their vile and inhuman practices: We the undersigned, convinced of the truth of these facts,
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and satisfied of the many and great benefits, which will result from the establishment of one or more Companies, in this town, and reposing special trust and confidence in the honor and integrity of others, do hereby unite and agree, to form ourselves into a Company, to be called and known by the name of THE HAND IN HAND FIRE-COMPANY, and shall engage to exert ourselves whenever a fire may break out in this town, to relieve and assist our fellow-townsmen in general, and the Members of this Company in particular; and, in order the more effectually to carry these our intentions into execution, we agree and promise to obey and observe the following Rules and Articles, under the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned.

I.

For the more orderly conducting the business of this Company on every occasion, there shall be a President and Vice President chosen annually by ballot on the first Wednesday in February. The President shall attend to all motions made and seconded, and put the same to vote, and every resolution to be determined by a majority, excepting that of admitting a Member, which shall be unanimous; and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall supply his place.

II.

There shall also be a Clerk appointed on the first Wednesday in February, annually, for which office every

benefits, every member present, the President and Vice-President or more which are chosen for the same year, only excepted, shall draw lots, and he that draws No. 1 shall execute that office for one year, or pay a fine of fifteen shillings, and form ourselves the drawing to be renewed until one is found to serve: known by the and whoever serves or pays the fine for not serving, E-COMPANY shall not draw again, until every member in the company has done the same. The Clerk is to receive all fines and forfeitures, to settle all reckonings at meetings, and to account with the company for all monies he may receive, and disburse, during the time he is in office, and as often as the company may think proper to call upon him; he is also to warn all meetings by leaving a summons at each member's house two days before the time of meeting; likewise to call on four of the members, once in every quarter, in rotation, as they stand on the list, to accompany him for the purpose of examining into the state of the buckets, bags and baskets, and of observing that the regulations of this company are punctually adhered to, and likewise to be better acquainted with the dwellings of each other. The Clerk is also to keep a fair and perfect minute of all the transactions of the company, and to report to the President, at every quarterly meeting, all deficiencies, that he may discover, either in buckets, bags or baskets at the time of his visiting the members as aforesaid. Any member refusing to make his visit in his turn, shall be reported by the Clerk and pay a fine of one dollar.

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This company shall not exceed in number forty
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persons, and each member, on admission, shall deposit into the hands of the Clerk, one dollar, as a fund to the company; they shall meet on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and November, annually, at such public house as the President for the time being shall appoint :—in the months of November and February at seven o'clock in the evening, and in the months of May and August at eight o'clock in the evening, and such member as shall be absent at roll calling, which shall take place at the time herein fixed for meeting, shall pay a fine of one shilling and three pence, and if absent the whole evening, unless prevented by sickness, or being out of town, two shillings and sixpence; and any member quitting a quarterly meeting, before the reckoning is settled, without leave from the President, shall pay a fine of half a dollar.

IV.

Each Member shall, within one month after his admission into this company, furnish himself with two good leather buckets, strong and well made, to contain nearly three gallons of water, with a proper and substantial handle: and also two bags of one yard and three quarters in length, made of ravens duck, each having strings fixed, in order to close them when filled; the buckets and bags marked with the owner's name at length; and underneath, upon the buckets, two clasped hands, handsomely painted, to designate them as the property of the members of this company; also, with one basket, two and an half feet long, by one and an half feet wide, marked upon the side H. H. The

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The buckets and bags shall be constantly hung up; and the basket kept in the most convenient part of the house, and not to be used or removed on any pretence whatever, except on an alarm of fire, under the penalty of one dollar, for each and every article that may be so used or removed.

V.

Every member, upon hearing an alarm of fire shall immediately repair with buckets, bags and basket to the place of danger, and there give every assistance in his power, for the preservation of the effects of his fellow-townsmen. But whenever the property of any member of the company shall be in real danger, the saving thereof shall be the primary object of the company's care and attention. For which purpose the members shall severally go, with bags and basket to the house or store containing the effects in danger, and proceed in removing them, agreeably to the directions of the owner, if present, or, otherwise, as shall appear best for his interest and benefit. And every member who through negligence or indolence shall omit to give his assistance, on such an occasion, shall be for ever expelled the company, unless he can give a satisfactory reason to the company for his omission.

VI.

In order to prevent any deceit or imposition from intruders, at the removal of effects in the time of fire, one of the members shall stand as centinel at the

the door of the house where the company is employed.

VII.

When any of the members shall remove to another house, he shall give notice thereof to the Clerk, who will acquaint each member of such removal, in the course of one week after, on penalty of paying dollars; and every member neglecting to give notice of such his removal, in one week after, shall pay a fine of one dollar.

VIII.

If any of the members of this company shall lose his or their buckets, bags or baskets at a fire, and shall declare the same at the first meeting of the company after the fire, and that upon his honor he hath made a diligent and proper search for their recovery, the expence of replacing such buckets, bags or baskets, shall be paid out of the fund of the company.

IX.

Each member shall be furnished by the Clerk with a printed Copy of these Articles, complete, with the members' names, and at every quarterly meeting, the President shall cause them to be read, that none of the members may plead ignorance of the articles by which they are bound; and whoever absents himself for three quarterly meetings, successively, unless prevented by sickness or absence from town, shall be deemed as having quitted the company, and shall not
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be admitted again, without the usual ceremony of election, and paying all fines he may have incurred from the time of his last attendance.

X.

All the cash belonging to the company, which may be in possession of the Clerk, shall be applied to such purposes as the company may direct; and the Clerk, upon a new election, shall deliver over to his successor in office, all the books and papers belonging to the company, together with the cash remaining in his hands, with a correct state of the funds and of the fines due from each member; and any member or members refusing to pay his or their fines for the space of three months after the annual election, unless rendered unable by misfortunes, shall be excluded from the company.

XI.

And the President for the time being, shall have it in his power, on the request of any seven or more members, to call a meeting of the company, at which all the members are bound to attend, under the same penalties and forfeitures as are stipulated for absentees from quarterly meetings; and the expences of all and every meeting shall be sustained in equal proportions by the members present, excepting the Clerk for the time being, who, in consideration of his services, shall always be exempted from such expences.

XII.

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As the present Engine Company in this town, is entitled to the first care and attention of the inhabitants, in the time of fire, this company will extend to them the same aid and relief as if they were actually members thereof, and also to such other Engine Companies as may hereafter be formed.

PRESENT MEMBERS of the HAND IN HAND FIRE COMPANY, in the Town of Halifax, 1802, viz.

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 William J. Allmon
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 Charles Geddes
 John George Pyke
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 William Cochran
 Lawrence Hartthorne
 John Boyd

Daniel Wood
 William Lyon
 James Foreman
 Constant Connor
 Foster Hutchinson
 Thomas Boggs
 George Grassie
 John Bremner
 Jonathan Tremain, jun.
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 James Thom
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