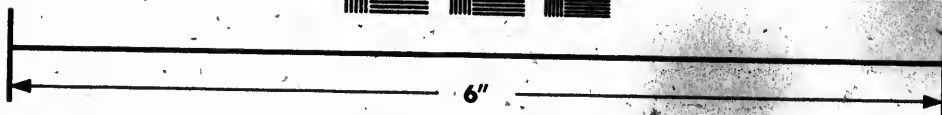
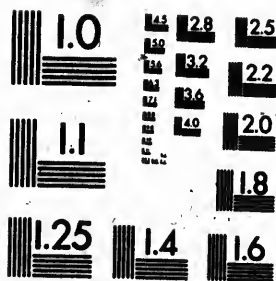


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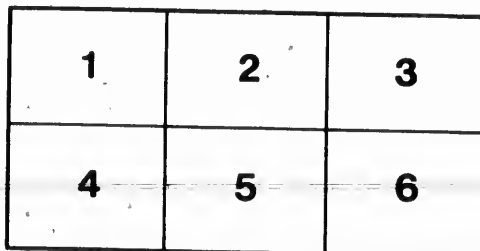
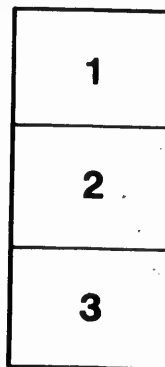
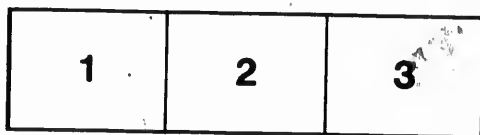
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OF THE

HEART AND HAND FIRE-COMPANY.

FORMED AT

HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

THE 3d. of APRIL 1810;

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WE, the Subscribers, being fully convinced that it is the duty of every Member of Society to contribute, as far as in him lies, towards the preservation of the property of his fellow Townsmen; and having considered the great advantages that have resulted to this Community from well-regulated Fire Companies; and being willing to assist, as far as lies in our power, so laudable an undertaking, have agreed to form ourselves into a Society, to be known and distinguished by the name of **THE HEART AND HAND FIRE COMPANY**—hereby engaging, in the event of Fire taking place, to give our ready and cheerful assistance for the preservation of the property of our fellow Townsmen in general, but more particularly of the Members of whom our Society, is at present, or may hereafter be composed. And, in order to carry these our intentions the better into effect, we consent to be governed by the following Rules and Regulations, under the penalty of the Fines and Forfeitures thereunto severally annexed:

Preamble

RULE I.

THIS Company shall meet Quarterly, viz. On the Third Thursday of February, May, August and November—the Meetings in February and November to be at seven o'clock, and in May and August at eight o'clock,

Times of Meeting.

Roll Call. in the evening: the Names shall be called over in a quarter of an hour after the time aforesaid, (the time of meeting to be regulated by the Town Clock) and all members not present at Roll Call shall pay a fine of One Shilling and Three Pence, and if absent until the business of the evening is closed, the Fine to be extended to Two Shillings and Six pence; and for the absence of any Officer the Fine shall be doubled, (sickness, or absence from town excepted) and any Member retiring from such Meeting, without permission of the President or Vice-President, shall pay a fine of One Shilling and Three pence, and if absent until the adjournment, the fine shall be five shillings.

Members absent.

Officer's fines

Members retiring without leave.

RULE II.

**Officers chosen.
President and Vice President**

FOR the better regulating this Company, a President and Vice President shall be appointed at the annual meeting in February; they shall be chosen in the following manner: every member shall put the names of the persons he wishes to propose, on a slip of paper, fold it up and give it to the President, and after all are collected he (the President) shall open them, and whoever has the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected. A majority shall be decisive in all cases, except that of filling the Office of Secretary, and the admission of a member: the Secretary shall be drawn for by Lot, and he who draws Number One shall serve or pay a fine of Five Shillings; but, should he decline serving, it shall devolve on Number Two, and so on, every member refusing to serve, paying the aforesaid fine; the President to draw for absent Members, those who have acted as Secretary or paid the fine, shall be exempt from serving again until it has been through the whole Company. The admission of a member to be decided by Ballot: four dissenting voices or Black Beans to preclude the party.

Secretary.

Admission of a Member.

RULE III.

Treasurer appointed.

A Treasurer shall be appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting in February, who shall receive all

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Monies from the Secretary, after the Evening's expense has been defrayed, a regular account of which he shall exhibit at the Annual Meeting in February, under a penalty of Fifteen Shillings; he shall preside in the absence of either the President or Vice-President.

Treasurer to account annually. To preside in absence of the President or Vice-President

RULE IV.

THE President and Vice-President shall keep the strictest order in the Company during the time of Meeting: for which reason they shall not, on any occasion take a part, or give an opinion, on any question before them, unless specially requested. The Secretary to keep a Book, which shall be furnished at the expence of the Company, wherein he shall register all Proceedings, Resolutions, &c. &c. and shall also receive all Monies, and collect all Fines, and after paying the expense of the evening, shall pay the balance (if there should be any) into the hands of the Treasurer; he shall warn each Member of the time of Meeting, by leaving a printed Summons at his place of abode at least two days previous to the time of such Meeting, under a penalty of not less than Five Shillings, nor exceeding Twenty Shillings for neglect of such duty. He shall, with two Members, taken in rotation from the list, once in every quarter (and oftener if the President think fit) proceed to the house of each individual of this Company, and examine into the state of their Buckets, Bags, &c. &c. and shall report each defaulter at the next Meeting, under the penalty aforesaid: Any Member neglecting to give notice to the Secretary of his changing his residence, at least seven days before the next Quarterly Meeting, shall pay a fine of Two Shillings and Six pence.

Order.

Office of Secretary.

Time of summoning.

Inspection of Bags, Buckets &c.

Notice changing of residence.

RULE V.

EACH person on becoming a Member of this Society, shall pay into the hands of the Secretary, by the Member proposing him, the sum of Five Shillings: he shall provide himself, before the next quarterly meeting,

On a Member joining. Articles each Member must provide.

Bags, straps &c. under a penalty of ten shillings, with two Bags, to be made of raven's duck, one and a half yards long, with proper strings for tying or closing them, and with two straps sufficiently long to enable him to throw the same over his shoulder, the owner's name to be in black letters on one side, and Heart and Hand Fire Company, in black letters on the other side lengthwise; also with two Buckets and a Cap: the Buckets to contain three gallons each; to be painted black with the owner's name in white letters on the side near the bottom, with a figure of a Heart and Hand directly over it: the Heart to be painted red, the hand flesh colour, and reclining on the heart; the Cap to be made of leather, with a helmet top seven inches high, the brim three inches in front, and a circular flap behind, to fall six inches below the cape of the coat, to be painted black, with the figure of a Heart and Hand in front. There shall be furnished, at the expense of this Company, six Lanthorns and six Bed Keys: the rims of the Lanthorns to be painted red, with the words "Heart and Hand Fire Company," and numbered; the Bed-keys to be marked Heart & Hand, and also numbered. They shall be delivered to the Members appointed by the President to take charge of them. All the foregoing articles shall be kept together in the most convenient part of the House in which the Member resides, and never to be used or removed except on an alarm of Fire, under a penalty of five shillings. The holders of Lanthorns shall keep two candles of not less than six inches in length, constantly in them, under a fine of two shillings and six pence, and they shall bring them, together with the Bed Keys, at the Annual Meeting in February, under a penalty of two shillings and six pence.— And any Member refusing to take charge of any of those articles, shall pay a fine of two shillings and six pence for every refusal. Should any of the Buckets, Bags, Caps, Lanthorns, or Bed Keys, be lost or damaged at a Fire, the owner or holder shall give notice to the Secretary within fourteen days after such loss or damage, under a penalty of ten shillings, and when such notice is received by the Secretary, he shall give orders to have the same replaced or repaired at the expense of the company, within one month after such loss or damage.

Buckets.

Cap.

**Company's
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Bed-Keys.**

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RULE VI.

UPON every alarm of Fire, each member, not sick or absent from town, shall instantly repair with his Bags, Buckets, &c. to the House of such person as shall appear most endangered; and shall exert his utmost endeavours to preserve his Buildings, and rescue his moveable property, by conveying it to any place of safety the owner may direct. No Member shall appear at any Fire that may happen after Sun-set, without his Cap, under a penalty of two shillings and six pence.

Alarm of fire.

Caps to be worn.

RULE VII.

EVERY Member addressing the President shall stand; and any person who shall interrupt him in any manner, or converse on any subject during that time, shall be called to order by the President or Vice-President, after which, should he still continue refractory, he shall pay a fine of one shilling and three pence. All motions made and seconded, shall be put to vote, and be determined by a majority, and no motion for the altering any printed rule, shall be considered carried unless there appear a majority of three fourths of the company present in favour of it. Any Member engaging to transact business of any kind for this Society, and neglects performing it, shall pay a fine of five shillings; and any Member who shall, on being requested by the Secretary, refuse or neglect to go the Rounds, shall pay a fine of five shillings. Every Member shall pay two shillings and sixpence for refreshment at each night of meeting.

Interrupting a Member

Motions.

Transacting Business.
Refusing to go the rounds.
Evening's expense.

RULE VIII.

THE President and Vice-President, with the consent of five Members, shall call an extra Meeting of this Society; at which every Member shall attend, under the penalty of the same fines as at a regular night of Meeting. The President shall appoint a Secretary, *pro tem*, in absence of the regular Secretary, and on his refusing to serve, he shall pay a fine of five shillings.

Extra Meeting
—how called.

Secretary
Pro. Tem.
how appointed.

RULE IX.

**Payment of
Fines.**

ANY member neglecting to pay the Fines he may have incurred by the foregoing Rules after they shall have been demanded of him, by direction of the company shall be expelled this Society.

Absence.

Any member absenting himself from three successive meetings (sickness or absence from town excepted) shall no longer be considered a Member of this Society, without being regularly re-admitted: previously paying all Fines he may have incurred.

Printed Rules

Each Member shall provide himself from the Secretary, with a printed copy of the foregoing Rules, under a penalty of one shilling and three pence, in which shall be inserted the name of each new Member with ink, under a penalty of seven pence half-penny for every omission. And each Member's Book shall be examined by the Secretary at every time of meeting: any Member neglecting to bring said Book, shall pay the fine of one shilling and three pence.

Every Member shall subscribe his Name to the Rules written in the Company's Books.

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 J. CARNES, *London.*
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