

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1826. York: Robert Stanton, 1826.

7 George IV – Chapter 8

An Act to make further and more effectual provision for the Prevention of Accidents by Fire in the several Police Towns of this Province. (Passed 30th January, 1826.)

Whereas the means provided by Law for the Prevention and Extinguishing of accidental Fires, have hitherto proved insufficient from the want of a compensation being authorized for the services of persons who may be employed as Firemen: Be it therefore enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada constituted and assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That so soon as one or more Company or Companies shall be formed in any Town where a Police is or may be established by Law, of Persons voluntarily enrolling themselves as Fire-men, being Inhabitants of the said Town, under the Provisions of the Laws heretofore made for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, in any District in which such Town may be situated in General Quarter Sessions assembled, or the majority of them being satisfied of the efficiency of such persons and accepting their enrollment to direct the Clerk of the Peace for such District, to grant to each member of such Corps or Company a certificate that he is enrolled on the same, which certificate shall exempt the individual named therein during the period of his enrollment and his continuance in actual duty as such Fire-man from Militia duty in time of Peace, from serving as a Juryman or a Constable, and from all other Parish and Town-Offices; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be in the power of the Justices of the Peace, in and for any District in this Province, or the majority of them, at any General or Adjourned Sessions, upon complaint to them made of neglect of duty by any individual of such Fire Company, to examine into the same, and for any such cause; and also, in case of conviction of any individual of such Company for a breach of any of the rules legally made for the regulation of the same, to strike off the name of any such individual from the list of such Company, and from thenceforward, the certificate which may have been granted to such individual as aforesaid, shall have no effect in exempting him from any duty or service, in the preceding clause of this Act mentioned. Provided always nevertheless, that it shall be in the discretion of the Justices of the Peace for any District of this Province, or the majority of them, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, to consent to the formation as aforesaid, of any Fire Company under the provisions of this Act for any Police Town within their District, or to defer the same until the circumstances of any such town may, in their opinion, render it expedient, and that they may, also, in their discretion from time to time discontinue or renew any such Company or Companies.