

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Sixth day of October, 1783, in the Twenty Third Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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An Act in further Addition to an Act made in the Second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for appointing Fire Wards, ascertaining their Duty; and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders, at the Time of Fire."

Whereas it is highly necessary, that the fire engine be constantly kept in good order, and that a number of prudent persons be appointed for that purpose.

I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that it shall and may be lawful for the justices in their sessions of the peace, for the town and county of Halifax; and they are hereby required to appoint such number of prudent persons not exceeding nine, who shall be denominated engine men, and shall have charge of the town engine, and shall be obliged to keep the same in good order and fit for service on all occasions, and that the said persons so chosen, shall be exempted from serving on juries, or the office of constable during their continuance in said office.

II. And be it enacted, that at the time of the breaking forth of fire in the said town, or suburbs: the said engine men shall repair to the engine, and use their utmost efforts in taking it to the place where the fire shall be discovered, and there work the same, according to their best skill and judgment: and the directions of the fire wards for extinguishing any fire so broke out.

III. And be it also enacted, that one of the engine men chosen as aforesaid; shall have the power of a fire ward to command any necessary assistance in taking the engine to and from the place of fire, and any person refusing to obey such orders, shall be subject to the same fines as imposed by an act made in the second year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for Appointing Firewards, Ascertaining their Duty, and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire."

IV. And be it further enacted, that all necessary repairs to the said engine shall be allowed and paid by assessment, under the order and direction of the justices and the grand jury in their general quarter sessions to be levied on the inhabitants of the town of Halifax.