


Hay or other combustible Materials kept in any House if deemed dangerous to the Town to be removed in 24 Hours, or forfeited.

this Act. And also order and direct any Person or Persons Inhabitants of said Town to remove from his or their House, Shop or Building any Hay, Shavings or combustible Materials, which they the said Firewards shall find so kept, placed or stored, as in their Opinion to endanger the Safety of such House, Shop or Building, or any other Building in said Town. And if any Occupant or Owner of such House, Shop or Building his or their Agent or Factor shall refuse or neglect for Twenty Four Hours after Notice given to remove such Hay, Shavings or combustible Materials, the said Firewards are hereby empowered to seize and apply the same to the Use of the Poor of said Town, as in Case of a Seizure of Powder.

C A P. IX.

An A C T to prevent the Circulation of base and counterfeit Half Pence, and other Copper Coin, and to establish the current Value of English Crowns, Half Crowns and Shillings in this Province.

Preamble.

 *HERE AS* great Quantities of base Metal under the Denomination of Half Pence have been imported in this Province and are daily used in Payment to the Injury of Merchants and others, for Remedy whereof;

No Person or Persons to vend or offer in Payment knowingly any other than Tower Half or other Copper Coin as may and do legally pass current in Great Britain or Ireland.

On Pain of Forfeiting the same and double the Value thereof to the Use of the Poor.

English Crowns to pass at 5s. 6d. half Crowns at 2s. 9d. in Proportion for the lesser Divisions of such Coin.

I. *Be it Enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and House of Assembly,* That from and after the Publication of this Act, no Person or Persons whatsoever shall import, vend, or knowingly and wittingly offer in Payment, or circulate any Half Pence or other Copper Coin, other than Tower Half Pence or such Copper Coin as may and do legally pass current in Great Britain or Ireland, on Pain of Forfeiting such base Half Pence and Coin, and paying for the Use of the Poor of the Town where such Offence shall be committed a Sum not exceeding double the Amount or nominal Value, of such base Half Pence and Copper Coin so imported, vended, offered in Payment, or circulated as aforesaid, to be recovered on Information before any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, within the Town or County where such Offence shall be committed.

II. *And be it further Enacted,* That in future each and every English Crown shall pass current at Five Shillings and Six Pence, and every such Half Crown at Two Shillings and Nine Pence, and every such Shilling at Thirteen Pence, and so in Proportion for the lesser Divisions of such Coin.