

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the duty to be done by the proprietors' clerk of each township, as directed by an Act made in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the registering Marriages, Births and Deaths, shall for the future be done and performed by the Town Clerk of each township respectively; and the parties failing to comply with the directions of the said Act, shall be liable to the forfeiture and penalty therein set forth, and such party shall pay for recording each marriage, birth, or death, one shilling, instead of the fee directed to be paid by the said Act.

Town Clerk to make registry of marriage, births and deaths.

Fee for the same.

And in order to prevent as much as possible the inconveniences and detriment which may arise from the neglect hitherto of recording marriages, births and deaths and more fully to answer the purpose intended by the said Act:

II. *Be it enacted,* That the said Town Clerk of each township respectively, shall apply to the several Ministers of such township for a list of all such marriages, births or deaths, recorded by them; before the making this Act, and from time to time hereafter, and to enter the same in a book kept for that purpose.

Town Clerk to apply to the Minister of the township for information relative thereto.

CAP. IV.

An ACT in addition to an Act, made in the Second year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire.

For Acts in amendment or addition to this Act see note on 2d Geo. 3d. cap 5.

WHEREAS in the Act made in the second year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, no provision is made for the purchasing the implements necessary to be used in putting a stop to, or extinguishing fire, or to save the property of the inhabitants:

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That each Fireward, appointed agreeable to the directions of the above-recited Act, shall be forthwith provided with one ladder, at least twenty-four feet in length, and one ladder sixteen feet long, with hooks, one fire hook, two axes, twelve leather buckets, and twelve large bags, and one saw, which shall be by the said Fireward deposited in the most convenient place in such ward, and at which the inhabitants of such ward are to assemble, when the fire-bell rings, and from thence to proceed under the direction of the said Fireward, with such of the said implements as may be required to the place of danger.

Articles each Fireward must be furnished with.

II. *And be it also enacted,* That the ward or district, of which each Fireward shall have charge, shall be numbered, and that the ladders, fire-hooks, bags, axes, saws and buckets, shall be marked with the number of the ward to which they belong, and within twenty-four hours after the extinguishing any fire, the said ladders, fire-hooks, bags, axes, saws and buckets, shall be delivered at such place of deposit; and if after twenty-four hours any of said ladders, firehooks, axes, buckets, bags or saws, shall be found in the possession of any person, he, or she, shall forfeit and pay a fine of forty shillings, to be levied by warrant of distress and sale of the offender's goods before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace; the said fine to be paid into the hands of the Fireward, and to be applied for the purpose of repairing the said ladders, fire-hooks, axes, buckets, bags and saws.

Place of deposit, and of their removal in case of fire.

Said articles to be marked with the number of the ward to which they belong.

Ladders, &c. to be returned within 24 hours after fire extinguished, to the place from whence they were taken; if missing, and found in possession of any person, said person to be fined 40s.

Inhabitants to furnish said articles.

III. *And be it also further enacted,* That the amount of the cost of the ladders, firehooks, axes, buckets, bags, and saws, so purchased, shall be levied on the inhabitants of the town and suburbs of Halifax, by assessment, in manner as is provided for levying the monies vested for the support of the poor, and recovered accordingly.

Constable to attend Fireward.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That the Constables of each ward, shall attend with their staves on the Fireward of such ward, at times of fire, to receive his directions, and to assist in keeping good order and prevent thefts.

CAP. V.

Expired.

An ACT in amendment of, and for continuing an Act, made in the Fifteenth year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for granting to His Majesty an Excise on Molasses, and Brown Sugar, sold within, or brought into, this Province, and for the more effectual improving and extending the Trade of this Colony to the West-Indies.

CAP. VI.

Expired.

An ACT in addition to, amendment of, and for continuing the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise on Wines, Beer, Rum, and other Distilled Spirituous Liquors.

CAP. VII.

Expired.

An ACT to provide for the maintenance and support of the Transient Poor in this Province, by laying a Duty on Goods imported and sold by Adventurers.

CAP. VIII.

Expired.

An ACT in addition to, and for continuing the several Laws relating to the Duty on Licensed Houses.

CAP. IX.

Expired.

An ACT to repeal an Act, made the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, an Act in addition to, and amendment of, and to reduce into one Act, the several Acts of the General Assembly, for regulating Carriers, and Owners of Waggon, Carts and Trucks, travelling through the Province.
