

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 Eleventh Day of June, Anno Domini 1782, in the Twenty-Second Year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Fifteenth Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.

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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."

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:

- 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.
- 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 and any of the 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.
- III. And be it also 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.

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.