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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Sixth Day of June 1791, in the Thirty First Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Sixth Session of the Sixth General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

31 George III – Chapter 8

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

Whereas it has been found expedient, that two fire engines should be provided for the town of Halifax, and that the same be kept in good order, and that a number of prudent persons be appointed for that purpose.

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant 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, in addition to the number already directed to be appointed in, and by an act passed in the twenty third year of his present Majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act in further Addition to the said before recited Act, to which this is an Addition to the said before recited Act, to which this is an Addition to, and Amendment," who together with the nine already to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be denominated engine men, and shall have charge of the said town engines, 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, and from working on the highways during their continuance in said office, and faithfully discharging the duties thereof. Any law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.