

CAP. XII.

An ACT to alter the time of the Sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Halifax.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been found inconvenient that the Sessions of the Peace and the Court of Common Pleas, in Halifax, should be held at the same time, for remedy whereof :

Sittings of Inferior Court.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Halifax, shall, from and after the publication hereof, be opened and held at Halifax on the second Tuesdays of June, September, December and March, annually, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. XIII.

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.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the provision made by Law for providing the Implements necessary to be used to put a stop to, or extinguish, Fire in the Town of Halifax, has been found insufficient ; for remedy whereof :

Fire Hooks, Chains, &c. provided—and kept in repair.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That at the next Session of the Peace, to be held for the County of Halifax, and at any other Sessions of the Peace for the same County, so often as the same shall be found necessary, the Firewards for the said Town of Halifax shall report in writing, to the said Sessions, the number of Hooks, Chains, Ropes, Ladders, Axes and Saws, which they may think necessary to be provided for the service of the said Town, and also the amount of the expenses of repairing and keeping the same in good and sufficient order ; and it shall and may be lawful for the Justices, in their said Sessions, from time to time, to order such, or so many, of the said implements to be provided, as the said Justices may deem expedient, and may from time to time order the cost and charge of providing the same, as well as the expense of repairing and keeping the same safe and fit for service, to be assessed and levied in the same manner, and with the same power and authority, that Money is now assessed and levied on the Inhabitants of the said Town of Halifax, for the support of the Poor.

Appointment of Fire men ; their duty ; and.

II. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices, in their said Sessions, from time to time, and so often as the same may be necessary, to choose and appoint such number of prudent and discreet men, not exceeding twenty, as may be found necessary, who shall be denominated Fire-Men, and shall have the charge of the said Hooks, Chains, Ropes, Ladders, Axes and saws, and shall be obliged to keep them in good order, and fit for service on all occasions ; and the persons so appointed shall be exempted from all Statute Labour upon the Highways.

Exemption from Statute Labour.

Duty of Fire-men in time of fire.

III. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That at the time of any alarm, or breaking out, of Fire in the said Town of Halifax, or the suburbs thereof, the said Fire-men shall,