

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Thursday the Eleventh day of February, 1819; and continued by several Prorogations until Thursday, the Tenth day of February, 1820, in the Sixtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Second Session of the Eleventh General Assembly, convened in the said Province.

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An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their Duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire.

Whereas, since the passing of the said act, many houses and building of stone and brick have been erected in the town of Halifax, by which the danger of fire has been diminished; and, in case of fire, such houses and buildings are a great means of preventing the spreading thereof, and it is expedient to encourage the erection of such houses and buildings:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that when any fire shall break out in the said town of Halifax, or the suburbs thereof, and any building or buildings shall, under the authority prescribed by law, be pulled down, for the stopping and preventing the further spreading of the said fire, that no houses or buildings of stone or brick, covered with tile, slate, tin, or sheet iron, hereafter to be built, shall be subjected to be assessed for more than one fourth part of the value thereof, for the purpose of paying the owner or owners of such building or buildings as may have been pulled down, to prevent the spreading of any such fire; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted, that all stone and brick buildings, covered with shingles or any other combustible materials, shall be liable to an assessment upon one half part of the value thereof.

And whereas, it is expedient to encourage the formation of a greater number of fire engine companies:

III. Be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held in Halifax, to appoint a further number, not exceeding twenty discreet and prudent persons, as engine men, in addition to the number appointed under the authority of any former statutes, and such persons, so appointed, shall be subjected to the duties, and entitled to all the privileges and exemptions, imposed and granted by the said statutes, to fire-engine men.

IV. And be it further enacted, that the act of the General Assembly, passed in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, 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, and the several matters, clauses and things, contained therein, shall be extended, and the same are hereby extended, to the towns of Annapolis, Windsor, Lunenburg and Liverpool.

V. And be it further enacted, that the act of the General Assembly, made in the thirty-second year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing thefts and disorders at the time of fire, and all the several acts which have been since made and passed, in addition to and amendment thereof, and all the several clauses, matters and things, contained therein, shall be extended, and the same are extended, to the town of Dartmouth.