

Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1812. Saint John, NB: Jacob Mott, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1812.

52 George III – Chapter 16

An Act authorising the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, to make regulations for the more effectual prevention of fires within the said City. Passed the 7th of March, 1812.

Whereas the City of Saint John is in imminent danger from fire, from the improper construction of many chimnies and hearths within the said City, and whereas sundry regulations are necessary to be made, as well relating thereto, as to the dangerous practice of keeping gunpowder in many of the stores and dwelling houses, and to sundry other practices which are liable to cause or promote fires, and also to provide for the better extinguishment of fires which may take place.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the President, Council, and Assembly, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, in Common Council convened, shall have full power and authority to pass and to provide for the execution of such Ordinances as they may deem proper for the more effectual prevention and extinguishment of fires in the said City, and to compel the attendance of all Engineers, and Firemen, and such other persons as they may deem necessary to assist at the extinguishment of fires, and to prescribe the duties of such Engineers, Firemen and other persons; and to remove or prevent the construction of any hearth, fireplace, or chimney, stove, oven, or boiler kettle, or apparatus used in any manufacture or business which may be dangerous in causing or promoting fires, and also to direct the construction of deposits for ashes, in safe and suitable places, and of materials Secure against fire. And also to regulate the keeping, carting, conveying or transporting of gunpowder, or any other combustible or dangerous material within the said City, and to provide for the forfeiture thereof, if the same shall be kept, carted, conveyed or transported contrary to such regulations: And also to regulate the use of light and candles in livery and other stables, within the same City, and to direct the inhabitants or owners of houses, within the said City, to provide themselves with fire buckets, to be ready in their respective houses, for the purpose of extinguishing fires; and to authorise such suitable officer or officers, as they may think proper at such reasonable time or times as they may appoint to enter into and examine all dwelling houses, lots, yards, enclosures and buildings of every description, within the said City, to examine and discover whether any danger exists therein, and to give order and direction concerning the same, so as effectually to provide for the safety of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood thereof; and for the more effectual and perfect execution of such laws and ordinances.

II. Be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, in Common Council convened, from time to time to impose penalties for the non observance of the same, not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered, paid and applied in like manner as all other penalties inflicted by any of the laws or ordinances of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City.

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III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for five years, and to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly and no longer.