

for want of sufficient distress, such offender shall suffer six days imprisonment, unless the penalty and costs shall be sooner paid; which penalty, when recovered, shall be paid and applied as in the seventh section of this Act is directed; and all persons present at the commission of any such offence are required to aid and assist any Constable or Fireward in carrying into effect the directions and provisions of this Act, as such Firewards, or any of them, may direct; and any Constable or other person refusing or neglecting to obey any orders or directions of the Firewards present, or any of them, for carrying into effect the provisions of this section of this Act, shall for every such offence be subject and liable to the like forfeiture or penalty as is imposed by the seventh section of this Act for the offences therein mentioned, to be recovered and applied as in the said seventh section is directed.

X. And be it enacted, That the said Firewards, in their respective Towns, or any two or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time, and at all seasonable times in the day time, to enter into any house, shop, or other building within the limits of their respective Towns, and to examine and inspect the manner in which any stove or stove-pipes shall or may be set up, placed, fixed or carried, or any hearths, fire places or chimnies, constructed or built; and if such stove or stove-pipes, or such hearth, fire place or chimney, shall be found in the opinion and judgment of the said Firewards, or any two of them, and in case more than two be present, the major part of those present, so set up, placed, fixed or carried, constructed or built, so as to be dangerous, such Firewards are hereby authorized and required to give directions in writing to prevent the continuance of fire in any such stove, or any such hearth, fire place or chimney, until the same shall have undergone such alterations or repairs as shall be directed in writing by the said Firewards; and any person or persons who shall disobey any such directions of such Firewards, shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of three pounds, to be recovered and applied in the manner mentioned in the seventh section of this Act.

Firewards empowered to enter buildings and examine stoves, fire places, &c., and if these be dangerous, forbid the continuance of fire therein until altered.

XI. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall wantonly or wilfully set on fire or cause to be set on fire; any combustible material whatever in the said Towns, or either of them, within two hundred feet of any fence or building; and that every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings for each and every such offence, to be recovered and applied as the fines in the seventh section of this Act.

Raising fires within 200 feet of a fence or building.

XII. And be it enacted, That no person or persons within the said Towns, or either of them, shall enter or remain in any barn or stable where hay or straw is, with a lighted candle or lamp, unless said lighted candle or lamp shall be in a good, safe and sufficient lantern; and that no person shall light a pipe or cigar, or smoke the same in any such barn or stable; and that every person or persons so offending in each and every of these offences shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings for each and every offence, to be recovered and applied as the fines in the seventh section of this Act.

Penalty.

Entering a barn where hay or straw is with a light not secured in a lantern.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall carry fire in any street, lane or ally of the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, unless the fire be safely secured in a closely covered vessel or fire pan; and that every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten shillings for each and every offence, to be secured and applied as the fines in the seventh section of this Act.

Penalty.

Carrying fire through Streets unless in a fire pan.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Firewards of the said Towns respectively, shall, at any meeting to be for that purpose by them holden, nominate and appoint by warrant under the hands and seals of them, or the major part then present, a sufficient number of able and discreet men, willing to accept, not exceeding twenty in number for each engine, being inhabitants of the said Towns respectively, to have the care, management and working of the said engines, tools and instruments for extinguishing fires which may happen within the same, and to remove and displace all or any of them from time to time, and to nominate and appoint others in their stead, and to fill up any vacancies which may happen at any time by death or removal, or otherwise; and that the names of the said persons so appointed, shall, from time to time, as the appointments shall be made, be registered with the Clerk of the Peace, in the said County, upon the certificate of the said Firewards, and to be called the Firemen of Newcastle or Chatham, as the case may be; and are hereby enjoined and required to be ready at a call by night as well as by day, to manage, work and use the engine or engines, tools and instruments for extinguishing fires which may happen to break out within the said Towns respectively.

Penalty.

Firemen to have the charge of the Engines to be appointed by the Firewards;

To be registered with the Clerk of the Peace.