

Penal regulations
to be made for the
government of the
Firemen.

To be posted at
Engine Houses,
and published in
the Newspapers of
the Parish.

Firemen to be en-
titled to certain
exemptions from
public duties.

Injuring or impro-
perly removing
implements provi-
ded to aid in ex-
tinguishing fires.

Penalty.

Roof and ground
ladders to be pro-
vided for each
house by the pro-
prietor, or tenant
at his expense.

Assessments autho-
rized to defray ex-
penses of Engines
and Engine
Houses, mainte-
nance of the Fire
Company, &c.

Assessment to be
made and levied as
other Parish Rates.

XV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Firewards for the time being of the said Towns respectively, at any meeting to be holden, at which the major part shall be present, to make and establish such rules, orders and regulations in respect of the government, conduct, duty and behaviour of the said Firemen in working, managing, exercising, trying and using the engines, tools and instruments, and to impose and establish such reasonable fines and penalties upon them or any of them for default or neglect of the duties and services thereby to be enjoined or required from them, as the said Firewards or the major part of them present, met as aforesaid, shall from time to time think meet, so that the fine or penalty shall not exceed in any one instance the sum of forty shillings, to be recovered and applied as in the seventh section of this Act; which rules, orders and regulations, shall be notified to the said Firemen, by putting the same up at their respective engine houses, and inserting the same in the Newspapers, if any there be printed in the said Towns, or either of them.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Firemen within the said Towns respectively, and each and every of them, from time to time during their continuance in the office of Firemen, and no longer, shall be and they are hereby declared to be freed, exempted and privileged from the several offices of Constable and Surveyors of Highways, and from all Statute Labour in the Highways and Streets in the said Towns respectively, and from serving on any Juries at the General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the said County.

XVII. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall at any time wantonly or maliciously injure or destroy, remove or take away, or cause to be removed or taken away, any hook, ladder, bucket or other implement provided for the purpose of extinguishing or checking the progress of fires in the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, from the proper place or places appointed for the keeping of the same, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of forty shillings, to be recovered and applied in like manner as in the seventh section of this Act.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That every person owning a building in the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, or either of them, of two or more stories in height, shall provide himself with a good and sufficient ladder to lay on the roof, and hold at the top by two substantial iron hooks fastened to the end of such ladder, which shall extend down the roof of the house to the eaves; and in case of the absence or non-residence of the owner of any such building or buildings in the said Towns, or either of them, the said tenant or tenants occupying the same, shall, at the expense of his or their landlord, provide such ladders for every building, which ladder every owner or occupier of such house shall keep stationary on the roof thereof.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Northumberland, at their General Sessions, or the major part of them, are hereby required and authorized to raise by assessment such sum or sums, not exceeding one hundred pounds in any one year, on each of the said Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, as the respective Firewards may from time to time, by estimate made out by them in writing, and produced to the said Justices of the Peace in their General Sessions, show to be necessary (over and above such of the fines hereinbefore mentioned as they may have received) for the supply of the Fire Engines at the time of any fire that may happen in either of the said Towns, and for the necessary expenses attending the keeping the Fire Company in a properly organized state, and the Engines of the said Towns in a sufficient state of equipment, with buckets, ladders, hooks, and other necessities; and also, if found necessary, for the purchasing or providing one or more Engines for the said Towns respectively, and the purchasing of a piece of land, and erecting an Engine House thereon, the title to which land shall be vested in the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Northumberland in trust for the use of the said Town, such assessment to be made in due proportion upon all and every the person or persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, occupy or enjoy any house, shop, warehouse or other tenement within the Town for which the assessment shall be made.

XX. And be it enacted, That such sum or sums so to be assessed in manner aforesaid by the Assessors of the said Towns respectively, shall be levied and collected in the same manner as any other Parish rate or assessment in the said Town can or may be levied and collected, by virtue of any Law now in force or hereafter to be made, and to be paid when collected to the said Firewards, or their Treasurer for the time being, to be applied to and for the purpose above mentioned.