

rels, and on each and every alarm of fire to proceed to the scene thereof with such hogsheads or barrels filled with water and then to place themselves and teams under the orders of the Firewards, to furnish water, or do other work thereat, until dismissed by such Firewards; and that the Truckman, Wagoner or Cartman, who shall first arrive with such supply of water at any fire, shall as a benefit therefor receive the sum of twenty shillings, the second fifteen, and the third ten; and that every other Truckman, Wagoner or Cartman so attending any such fire, with such his team, and supply of water, shall receive such reasonable compensation therefor as shall be awarded by the Fireward in charge at the fire: provided always, that all such claims of such Truckmen, Wagoners and Cartmen, be presented to the Fireward in charge, within forty eight hours after such fire.

XII. And be it enacted, That all special and ordinary Constables do give their attendance on all occasions of fire at the scene thereof, and with their badges or baton of office, and do rendersuch appropriate service thereat as may be directed by the Firewards.

XIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the officers and members of the said respective Engine, Hook, Ladder and Axe, Hose and Fire Protection Companies, and each of them, in addition to the preservation of the several properties and apparatus, and the keeping the same ready for immediate use, and the discharge of all the other duties already herein or hereinafter imposed upon them, to preserve order and discipline at all times, (and especially at times of fires,) in their respective Companies, and to require and observe a strict compliance with the City ordinances, and the rules and regulations prescribed or to be prescribed by the Firewards; and to cause to be kept by the chief officer of each Company a Book specifying the names of the several officers and members thereof, with the date of their several appointments, and an account of all properties held by or entrusted to said Companies respectively; and that such Book shall be at all times subject to inspection by the chief Fireward; and further, from time to time as often as changes may occur therein, to make returns to the said chief Fireward of the elections of officers or members by said Companies respectively.

XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of each and every the officers and members of the said respective Companies to have and hold, at stated times, regular meetings, at least one in each month, for inspection or exercise at the discretion of the Firewards, of and with the engine or implements entrusted to or used by them respectively as such Companies.

XV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of such Companies respectively, to impose fines for the non-attendance of members at fires, or at meetings for exercise, or other violations of the bye laws of said Companies; provided that no such fine shall exceed the sum of five shillings.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the officers and members of the said several Engine, Hook, Ladder and Axe, Hose and Fire Protection Companies shall be free and exempt from all services as Constables, Surveyors of Highways, Jurors, and from the performance of all or any Statute Labour on the streets or ways of the City.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the said several Engine Companies, and the said Fire Protection Companies, shall be entitled to elect their own officers and members to fill vacancies as occasion may require, but subject to the sanction and approval in both and all cases of the Firewards.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the Captains of the respective Engine Companies shall, and they are hereby empowered to call for, receive, and if need be, to compel the assistance of such persons as may be necessary to get such Engines to, and work the same at fires, or to return the same to the Engine House after such fires.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Firewards, or any two or more of them, are empowered and required from time to time, as occasion may require, but not less than twice in each year, at reasonable hours, and in the day time, to enter into any dwelling house, store, mill, shop or building within the City, and examine the manner in which all and every fire place, hearth, chimneys, stove, stove pipe, oven, furnace, kiln, boiler, smoke houses, ash heap, are set up, placed and kept; and in case the same or any or either of them should from any cause seem dangerous in causing fire, the said Firewards, or any two of them, shall and may give written directions to the owner or occupiers of the same to remove or amend the same within a reasonable time, to be specified in such writing; and further, to direct, and if need be compel the discontinuance of fires in such places until such amendments have been made therein; and to direct, in like writing, the removal or safe keeping of hay, straw, gunpowder, firewood, boards, shingles, lumber, or other combustible materials; and to order and direct the making and keeping of sufficient fenders or guards around the fires kept in carpenters' or joiners' shops, or the shops of other artizans in which wooden shavings are made, and to prohibit fires therein until such fenders or guards are erected.

XX. And be it enacted, That no person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol, rocket, squib, or other fireworks, in any street, lane, yard, garden or enclosure within the City, without the permission of the Mayor or City Council; nor smoke cigars or pipes among shavings, hay, straw, or other combustible materials; nor carry nor suffer to be carried by their servants or children, fire from house to house, or through the streets, unless the same shall be in a covered vessel, or otherwise secured from falling, or from being blown about with the wind.

XXI. And be it enacted, That no person or persons shall enter any barn or stable, or carpenter's or joiner's shop, or other shop in which wooden shavings or other combustible materials are made or kept, with a lighted candle or lamp, unless the same be enclosed in a lantern.

XXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every occupier of a dwelling house, store, shop, or building containing a chimney or stove pipe, to cause the same to be carefully cleansed or burned at least twice in each year; and in case the same shall be burned, such burning shall take place in wet or snowy weather, and in the day time.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That every male householder within the City shall, as soon as may be after the passing of the Law, provide himself with two good leather buckets, to hold two and a half gallons of water each, with the name of the proprietor painted on the side of each of said buckets, to be kept ready in some convenient place in each house for use in case of fire; and each and every house proprietor shall in like manner provide himself with two sufficient ladders, one to reach from the ground to the roof of his house, the other to be laid on the roof and held at the top by two good iron hooks, said ladders to meet at the eaves, to be kept stationary on such houses, and to be so conveniently placed as to give easy access to the roof in case of fire; provided always, that in case of non-resident house proprietors omitting, refusing, or neglecting to provide such ladders, it shall be the duty of the tenants of such house of such non-resident proprietor, to furnish and keep the same.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That no person shall set on fire or cause to be set on fire any combustible materials in the City within two hundred feet of any fence or building, nor kindle a fire, nor in any way authorize a fire to be kindled in any street, road, square, lane, or wharf of the City, without express permission from the Mayor or City Council.

XXV. And be it enacted, That in any case of fire in the said City wherein it shall appear necessary in order to stay the progress of the said fire, it shall be lawful for any five of the said Firewards concurring therein, and they are hereby empowered to give orders to pull down or otherwise destroy any house or building to stop such fire; and in case the destruction of such house or building in such manner shall stop the fire, or the fire shall be stopped before it reaches the site of the house or building so destroyed, then and in such case the owner or owners of such house or building shall receive reasonable compensation therefor, the amount of such compensation to be estimated and ascertained by three indifferent persons, to be appointed for that purpose by the City Council, and sworn before the Mayor to the just discharge of their said duty; and in every case in which the application for such compensation shall be entertained, and such reference awarded by the City Council, the amount of such compensation shall be raised by special assessment under order of the City Council, and levied on the inhabitant householders of the City who have not suffered loss of property at or by the fire in which such house or building was destroyed; provided always, that no compensation shall be made to the owner of any house or building so destroyed, if said house or building had taken fire before the order made or executed for the destruction thereof.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That every citizen shall repair on alarm of fire to the scene of the same, and that all persons present thereat shall yield prompt obedience to the directions of the Firewards, or any of them; either by forming water lines or doing any other reasonable act ordered by the said Firewards or either of them; and that at and during the continuance of any fire any person or persons refusing or omitting to obey such order of any Firewards, or who shall be guilty of riotous or disorderly conduct at such fire, or shall obstruct or endeavour to obstruct the carrying out of the orders of any Fireward, shall and may be committed to the Gaol of the City by any Constable under the order of any Fireward; or that such Fireward may at any time within forty eight hours after the commission of such offence or offences complain to the Mayor or any Justice of the Common Pleas or of the Peace for the County of York, when such Mayor or Justice of the Peace shall issue a warrant or summons to bring the party complained of before him, and on conviction by the oath of such Fireward or other competent witnesses the party offending shall be dealt with and punished according to the provisions of this or any other law in force for the treatment of such and similar offences and offenders; provided always, that in case of such committal it shall be the duty of such Fireward immediately after such fire, or as soon as may be, and at farthest within twenty four hours after, to cause the person so committed to be brought before the Mayor, or any such Justice of the Common Pleas or of the Peace as aforesaid, to answer for his offence, and to receive such further punishment (if any) as may be directed under this Law, or any other Law then in force.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That all the duties prescribed in this Act, and not herein otherwise specially provided for, shall be discharged by the respective parties charged with such duties, under penalty of fine or imprisonment, or both, as is herein in this section described; and all offences against the provisions of this Act shall be punished by fine or imprisonment or both, as may seem meet in the case, and sued for and prosecuted; and all penalties and punishments shall be imposed and awarded in the manner prescribed by any law of the Corporation now or hereafter to be in force for the recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures; provided always, that no fine to be levied for failure in discharge of duty or offence against this Law shall exceed the sum of three pounds, and that no imprisonment awarded shall extend beyond the term of twenty days, and that all fines imposed and recovered hereunder shall be paid to the City Treasurer, and held by him to the credit of the general funds of the City.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That this Law shall come into operation and be in force from the publication thereof, and shall be held and taken to be in lieu of all Laws now in force relating to fires within the said City.

J. HENRY PHAIR, *City Clerk.*