

extinguishing of fires, for entering any buildings and prohibiting the lighting of fires therein, and for commanding assistance for the extinguishing of fires, and under the like forfeitures and penalties as are provided in and by the Revised Statutes, Title viii, Chapter 59, and any other Act of Assembly relating to the local government of Counties, Towns, and Parishes, except as herein otherwise specially provided; and all fire engines, hose carts and things appertenant thereto, now belonging to the Parish of Portland, or held or used for public purposes therein at the time of the passing of this Act, shall from and after the election of the Town Council, as herein provided, be vested in the said Town Council, who shall alone be entitled to take possession of, and shall hold, control, and dispose of, or otherwise deal with the same, as to them shall seem meet.

106. The Town Council shall have the exclusive right, power and authority to appoint, by Warrant, a sufficient number of able men not exceeding sixty for each engine, to be firemen in the said Town, who shall have the care and management of such engine, and also to appoint in like manner a Company of hook and ladder men for the said Town, not exceeding twenty men, and such and so many Companies of hosemen for the said Town not exceeding twelve men for each, as they shall see fit, and from time to time to remove and displace any or all firemen, hook and ladder men, and hosemen, heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed by the Town Council, as herein provided, and further to make rules and regulations as to the conduct and duty of all firemen, hook and ladder men, and hosemen, and generally for the ordering and management of the Fire Department of the said Town.

107. The Town Council shall control all disbursements and expenditures on account of the Fire Department of the said Town, and may also appoint suitable persons to form a Fire Police for the said Town, who shall have all such powers as are provided by an Act passed in the fifteenth year of the Reign of her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires which may happen in the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John*; provided that all firemen, hook and ladder men, and fire police, heretofore appointed by the Firewards of the Parish of Portland, shall continue in office as such respectively within the said Town, until they shall be removed or displaced by order of the said Town Council, and all regulations as to the conduct and duty of such firemen, made by the said Firewards, shall continue in force until altered or rescinded by the said Council.

108. Until the Fire Department of the said Town of Portland shall be reorganized, as hereinafter provided, every person appointed a fireman, hook and ladder man, or hose man, in the said Town of Portland shall, during his continuance in such office and no longer, in addition to the privileges and exemptions allowed by law, be freed and exempted from the payment of any assessment made on him for rates or taxes for Town or County purposes in the said Town of Portland, provided that such exemption shall not in any individual case exceed four dollars in any one year.

109. It shall and may be lawful for the Town Council at any time hereafter to reorganize the Fire Department of the said Town of Portland, either in connection with the Fire Department of the City of Saint John or separately therefrom, and if they shall see fit to make and enter into arrangements with the said City for placing the said Fire Departments under one common head, and thereupon to nominate and appoint all or any such officers, and to make all such bye laws and regulations for the establishment, constitution and management of the Fire Department of the said Town of Portland, as, are or shall be authorized for the Fire Department of the City of Saint John by any Acts of Assembly relating thereto; and from and after every such reorganization of the Fire Department of the said Town as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Town Council to provide that every fireman, hook and ladder man, or hose man, or officer of any such Company respectively, shall during his continuance in office and no longer, in addition to freedom from serving in all Municipal offices and juries,

be freed, exempted, relieved and discharged from the payment of any Town or County rates or taxes, or any such portion or proportion thereof as the said Council shall see fit to direct, or shall in lieu thereof receive such annual compensation in respect of the services rendered by him in any such capacity as the Town Council shall direct and appoint.

LIQUOR LICENCES, &c.

110. The Town Council shall from henceforth have the sole and exclusive power and authority to grant wholesale and tavern licences within the said Town, to such and so many persons of good character as they in their discretion shall think proper, to sell liquors by wholesale, or keep a tavern therein, demanding and receiving for every such licence, which shall not be in force for a longer period than one year, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than twenty dollars, which shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Town, who shall make out and issue all such licences as aforesaid, together with a fee of one dollar and fifty cents on each of such licences, to the use of the said Town; and such licences shall be issued in conformity, so nearly as may be, with the provisions for the issue of such licences within the Parish of Portland by the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, contained in an Act passed in the twenty fourth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the sale of Spirituous Liquors in the City and County of Saint John*; and the said Act, and any Act in amendment thereof, except so far as the same shall be inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act, or repealed thereby, shall be and continue in full force within the said Town of Portland; and all penalties, licence money, fees, fines and forfeitures imposed by or under the terms of the said Acts, may be proceeded for and recovered in the name of the Treasurer of the said Town, and shall be paid to and received by the said Treasurer to the use of the said Town; and all such moneys, and every part thereof, heretofore received by the Police Magistrate of Portland aforesaid, shall forthwith, on the passing of this Act, be by him accounted for to the said Town Council, and paid over to the said Treasurer to the use of the said Town.

111. The Treasurer shall from time to time transmit to the Police Magistrate of the said Town a list of persons licenced as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the said Treasurer, and of all policemen and constables within the said Town, to make diligent enquiry, and make known to the said Police Magistrate if any person shall be guilty, or supposed to be guilty, of any breach of the provisions of the said Act, or any regulation in virtue thereof by the Town Council to be made.

112. The Town Council may also, in their discretion, grant tavern licences for the sum of eight dollars, to persons residing in remote situations, as provided by the said Act; and from and after the passing of this Act, all the rights, powers and authorities vested in the General Sessions of the Peace, or Justices of the City and County of Saint John, within the said Town of Portland, excepting as to the ordering of rates and assessments for County purposes, or otherwise, as in this Act expressly provided, and whether the same shall relate to such licences as aforesaid, to the regulation of ferries, and the fares to be taken thereat, the control and accounting of officers within the said Town, or the regulation of streets, roads, landings, ways, slips, or any other matter or thing whatsoever within the limits of the said Town, shall, any Statute or Act of Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding, be transferred to and vested in the said Town Council, who shall alone have, exercise and enjoy the same, and manage and control the municipal affairs and concerns of the said Town.

113. No person whatsoever, whether an inn keeper or tavern keeper or not, who shall sell by retail upon trust or credit any liquors, mixed or unmixed, to any person within the said Town, shall have any remedy therefor in law or equity; and if any bill, bond, note, mortgage, or other security or conveyance, shall be made and delivered, the consideration or any part of which shall be proved to be for