

C H A P.
XII.
His Power
for clearing
the Streets.

Thirty Shillings Current Money: And the said Overseer is hereby impowered, at such Times as he, or the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall appoint, to summons all the Male Taxable Inhabitants of said Town, to be employed in Clearing the Streets, and other Public Ground thereof, as the said Commissioners or Overseer shall direct; and to make Bridges and Causeways in the said Streets, where they may, by the said Commissioners or Overseer, be deemed necessary; and that the said Taxable Inhabitants shall be obliged to attend the Summons of the said Overseer, and to work on the said Streets and Ground, or to send a Labouring Person in their Stead, on the Penalty of Five Shillings Current Money for every such Day's Neglect or Refusal, or in Proportion for such Time or Part of the Day they shall neglect or refuse to Attend and Work as aforesaid; and that the said Taxables shall provide and bring necessary Tools for the said Work: Also that a Note or Advertisement put up by the said Overseer at the Market-house of said Town, and at the Public Warehouse, five Days before the Day appointed for the Meeting of the said Taxables, shall be deemed sufficient Notice and Summons to the Inhabitants aforesaid.

Inhabitants
to grub and
clear their
Lots from
Underwood.

III. **And whereas** many Persons have built, and are now building, in said Town, and clear no more Ground than where their Houses stand, whereby the rest of their Lot becomes a Thicket, unserviceable for Pasturage, also inconvenient and unwholesome to all the Inhabitants; **Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That all Persons living or inhabiting on any Lot in said Town, shall within Six Months, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, grub and clear the Ground of the said Lot, or such Part thereof as they occupy, or to them belong, from all Underwood, Grubs and Bushes, on the Penalty of Thirty Shillings Current Money, to be forfeited and paid by the Occupyer of such House or Lot; and in proportion to the Owners or Occupyers of Half Lots: And if the said Occupyer or Inhabitant be a Tenant, it shall be lawful for him to discount the Charge thereof from the Rent agreed to be paid for such House or Lot, so as the same exceed not Twenty Shillings for one whole Lot; and also, that any Person hereafter building on any Lot in said Town so as to save the same, shall within Three Months after the building thereon, grub and clear the said Lot as aforesaid, on the Penalty aforesaid, to be applied by the said Commissioners in clearing the said Lot, and the Overplus, if any, in clearing the Public Squares of said Town.

Penalty for
barking or
cutting down,
&c. Trees on
the Common:

IV. **And** for the better Preservation of the Wood and Timber standing or growing on the Common, for a constant Supply of Firewood for the Inhabitants, and the public Uses of said Town; **Be it also Enacted,** That no Person or Persons, shall presume to bark any Tree or Trees within the Bounds of said Common, nor to make or burn any Coal or Brick-Kilns with the Wood thereof, nor cut down, or haul any Trees or Logs, for the erecting or building of private Houses, or such like, on the Penalty of Twenty Shillings Current Money for each Tree, so barked, or cut down as aforesaid:

Such Waste to
be enquired
into.

And the said Commissioners are hereby impowered to enquire into such, or other Waste made of the said Wood and Timber, and to make such Rules and Orders from Time to Time, as may seem to them necessary to prevent the same.

Power of the
Commis-
sioners to
Lete out the
Marsh.

V. **And be it further Enacted,** That the Commissioners aforesaid are hereby impowered to Rent or Lease a Marsh lying on the East Part of the Common aforesaid, or any Part thereof, for any Term, not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to such Person or Persons as will undertake to dyke, drain, and turn the same into good Meadow, on such Rents and Conditions as shall be agreed on with the said Commissioners; the Lessee giving sufficient Security for the due Performance thereof: The Rents or Profits arising therefrom to be paid to the said Commissioners, to be applied to the public Use of said Town.

VI. **And**