

sons for the lighting, trimming, snuffing, supplying, maintaining, and repairing them, and shall likewise from time to time order, appoint, hire and employ, as many watchmen as they shall judge necessary, and shall then and there direct and order what wages shall be given them, and if any of the said watchmen die within the time for which they were appointed, or shall be negligent in their duty, or be guilty of any misbehaviour, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them; at any intermediate time of the year, to remove any of the said watchmen so appointed; and to employ, hire and appoint, one or more persons fitly qualified in the room and stead of him or them so dying, neglecting his duty, or misbehaving, as aforesaid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each of the commissioners aforesaid, for the time being, shall have all the powers and jurisdictions of a justice of the peace within said town, and they, or a major part of them; shall have full power and authority to appoint any number of persons of good character, to be constables in said town. Their powers.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, shall, as soon as they conveniently can, direct and set down in writing, at what stands it is fit for the said watchmen to be placed, how often they shall go the rounds, and also appoint the rounds each watchman is to go, and shall, from time to time; make such further and other orders and regulations for the better government of the said watchmen, as the nature of the case shall require. To appoint stands, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a true copy of all orders, regulations, nominations and appointments, which shall from time to time be so made for the better direction and government of the watchmen, shall be fairly printed or written, and signed by the commissioners aforesaid, or a major part of them, and shall be delivered to the watchmen aforesaid. Orders to be copied, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That one or more of the constables in said town, as by orders and regulations shall be thought necessary, shall attend at the court-house, or some other convenient place to be appointed by the commissioners, or a major part of them, aforesaid, shall appoint, and keep watch and ward in manner following, to wit: From the tenth of September to the tenth of March in every year, from eight in the evening to six in the morning; and from the tenth of March to the tenth of September in every year, from nine in the evening to four in the morning; and the constables shall, in their several turns and courses of watching, use their best endeavours to prevent fires, murders, burglaries, robberies, and other outrages and disorders, within said town, and to that end shall, and they are hereby empowered, directed and required, to arrest and apprehend all night-walkers, malefactors, and other suspected persons, who shall be found wandering and misbehaving themselves, and shall carry the persons so apprehended, as soon as they conveniently can, before one or more justices of the peace, or commissioner, in said town, to be examined and dealt with according to law, and shall once, or oftener, at convenient times of the night, go about the several stands in said town, and shall take notice whether the watchmen perform their duties in their several stations, according to the regulations made for that purpose, and in case any watchman misbehaves or neglects his duty, the constable shall immediately give notice to the commissioners aforesaid, or any of them, that the watchman may be admonished or discharged, as the service may require; and the said constable shall observe, keep and perform, all such rules and regulations as shall be made by the said commissioners for their good government, and in case of misbehaviour or neglect, may be admonished or discharged in the same manner as the watchmen; and the said constables, for every night watching, shall be paid by the commissioners aforesaid such sum of money as they, or a major part of them, shall think reasonable. Constables to attend, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said constables shall neglect to attend any night in his turn to keep watch and ward at the respective hours appointed by this act, or shall depart from or leave keeping watch during the respective hours appointed for keeping the same, or shall neglect to go about the several stands of said town once at least in every night of his said watching, or shall otherwise misbehave or neglect his duty, in each or every said case, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings. Penalty on neglect of duty, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the watchmen are hereby empowered, required and directed, in their several stations; during the time of their keeping watch, to apprehend all night-walkers, malefactors, rogues, vagabonds and disorderly persons, whom they shall find disturbing the peace, or shall have just cause to suspect of any evil designs, and to carry the person as soon as convenient before some justice or commissioner in said town, to be examined and dealt with according to law; and the watchmen shall be at their respective stands and keep watch at the hours by law required, and Duty of watchmen.