



# Town Police Clauses Act 1847

## 1847 CHAPTER 89

### *Fires*

And with respect to Fires, be it enacted as follows:

**XXX Penalty for setting Chimneys wilfully on fire.**

Every Person who wilfully sets or causes to be set on fire any Chimney within the Limits of the special Act shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt the Person so setting or causing to be set on fire any Chimney from Liability to be indicted for Felony.

**XXXI Penalty for accidentally allowing Chimneys to catch fire.**

If any Chimney accidentally catch or be on fire within the said Limits the Person occupying or using the Premises in which such Chimney is situated shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings : Provided always, that such Forfeiture shall not be incurred if such Person prove to the Satisfaction of the Justice before whom the Case is heard that such Fire was in nowise owing to Omission, Neglect, or Carelessness of himself or Servant.

**XXXII Fire Engines and Firemen may be provided by the Commissioners.**

The Commissioners may purchase or provide such Engines for extinguishing Fire, and such Water Buckets, Pipes, and other Appurtenances for such Engines, and such Fire Escapes and other Implements for Safety or Use in case of Fire, and may purchase, keep, or hire such Horses for drawing such Engines as they think fit, and may build, provide, or hire Places for keeping such Engines with their Appurtenances, and may employ a proper Number of Persons to act as Firemen, and may make such Rules for their Regulation as they think proper, and give such Firemen and other Persons such Salaries and such Rewards for their Exertions in Cases of Fire, as they think fit.

**XXXIII Fire Police permitted to go beyond the Limits of the Act in certain Cases.**

The Commissioners may send such Engines, with their Appurtenances, and the said Firemen, beyond the Limits of the special Act, for extinguishing Fire in the Neighbourhood of the said Limits; and the Owner of the Lands or Buildings where such Fire shall have happened shall in such Case defray the actual Expence which may be thereby incurred, and shall also pay to the Commissioners a reasonable Charge for the Use of such Engines with their Appurtenances, and for the Attendance of such Firemen ; and in case of any Difference between the Commissioners and the Owner of the said Lands or Buildings, the Amount of the said Expences and Charge, as well as the Propriety of sending the said Engines and Firemen as aforesaid for extinguishing such Fire, (if the Propriety thereof be disputed,) shall be determined by Two Justices, whose Decision shall be final; and the Amount of the said Expences and Charge shall be recovered by the Commissioners as Damages.