

limiting, appointing and defining their Trust and Authority; and for admitting of new Members; and to do all Things concerning the Government, Estate, Goods, Revenue, and all other the Business and Affairs of the said Company: All which Laws, Statutes and Orders so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every Member; and be from Time to Time inviolably observed according to the Tenor and Effect of them: Provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

AND for the easier and better Government of the said Company, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Company, at their said Meeting on the First Saturday in April, shall annually choose Three Directors, a Treasurer and Librarian for the said Company.

WHEREAS a Number of the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the Town of *East-Greenwich*, including *Peirce-Street*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that there is no Fire-Engine in the said Town; and that, being greatly impressed with the Danger of a Fire's breaking out in the said compact Part of the said Town, they have formed themselves into a Society to procure a Fire-Engine, with Intent to make such Regulations, and adopt such Measures, as will have a Tendency to prevent the Calamities consequent upon the breaking out of Fire in the said Town; and thereupon prayed this Assembly that a Charter of Incorporation, may be granted them by the Name of *The Fire Engine-Company*, with the Powers necessary to enable them to effect, as far as possible, the Purposes for which they have entered into the Society:

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Which being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That *William Greene, Jonathan Salisbury, Thomas Arnold, Andrew Boyd, David Pinnegar, Caleb Coggeshall, Clarke Brown, William Sweet, Edward Spencer, John Sprague, Benjamin Howland, John Casey, Othniel Wightman, Daniel Peirce, Dan Taylor, Gideon Mumford, Caleb Greene, Philip Peirce, William Arnold, Richard Mathewson, Ezra Simmons, Micah Whitmarsh, Oliver Wickes, Peleg Olin, Peter Turner, James Miller, Henry Niles, James Peirce, Samuel Tripp, Benjamin Winslow, John Glazier, Nicholas R. Gardner, Jonathan Niles, James Greene, and Caleb Weeden*, being the aforesaid Petitioners, and all others who shall by them be admitted as Members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected and made a Body politic and corporate, to subsist at all Times forever hereafter in Deed and Name, by the Name of *The Fire Engine-Company*; and by that Name shall and may have perpetual Succession; and forever hereafter shall be a Company, or Persons, able, capable, and liable to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended against, in all or any of the Courts of Law, or otherwise,

therwise, before any of the Judges, Justices, or other Persons whomsoever, in all Manner of Actions or Pleas whatsoever; and may hold Property by Gift, Grant, or otherwise, in the Name of their Treasurer.

AND for the well governing and ordering the Affairs of the said Company, *It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and their Successors, to assemble and meet together on the First *Monday* in *June*, every Year, in order to choose a Treasurer, and such other Officers as they shall think necessary or expedient, and also proper Persons to work the said Engine, and to transact the Business of the Company.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Monies ordered to be raised by the said Company, for the Purchase and Support of the said Engine, shall be voted by a Majority of the said Company, and be assessed and levied upon the whole of the Inhabitants of the compact Part of the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, including *Peirce-Street*, in Proportion to the Valuation of the Estate of each and every Person, in Assessment in State and Town Taxes: And that all other Persons being Inhabitants of the Town of *Warwick*, who shall join the said Company, shall at all Times be assessed in Proportion to the Sum total of their Estates as given in at the Time of their subscribing, so long as they shall retain Property equal thereto.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That, in all Cases of Neglect or Refusal to pay the Taxes which shall be so assessed, Application shall be made to a Justice of the Peace in the said Town of *East-Greenwich*, who shall issue his Warrant, authorizing any proper Officer, in the County of *Kent*, to distrain so much of the personal Property of the Person so neglecting or refusing as will satisfy and pay such Tax and Cost, and to sell the same within Three Days after Distrainment made, at public Auction, unless the same shall be previously redeemed by the Delinquent: And that if any overplus Sum shall remain upon the Sale of such Property, after deducting the Sum due for the said Tax, together with all Costs, it shall be returned to the Delinquent.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the well governing of the said Company, they be, and hereby are authorized, when legally assembled, to make such By-Laws as to them shall appear necessary for the Regulation and Government of the said Company; provided such By-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of the State.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eighty-eight Dollars and Forty-six Cents* be allowed and paid to *Henry Ward, Esq.* out of the General-Treasury, in Specie, or in the Bills of Credit emitted by this State, at the established Rate of Exchange; it being the Amount of his Account for Services, as Secretary, since the Session in *October*.

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