

a substitute for the particular occasion; the expense of the said substitute to be deducted from any amount due the said Policeman.

## CHAPTER XII.

### CONCERNING FIRE COMPANIES.

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1. The Mayor shall forthwith (and hereafter during the month of January in each and every year (take the necessary measures, in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly of 1826-'7, for organizing three Fire Companies for this city, two of the said Companies to consist of forty men each, and the other of twenty, (to be increased to forty, if necessary,) the first two to be known as Fire Companies Nos. 1 and 2, and the other as Hook and Ladder Company.

2. It shall be the duty of the said Companies to meet at such time and place, at least quarterly, for exercise and inspection, as may be directed by the Captains of the several companies, whose duty it shall be to cause notice to be given to their respective members.

3. It shall be the duty of the said companies, upon the alarm of fire, to proceed at once to the engine-house, and thence with their respective machines to the fire, where they shall be under the control and direction of their captains respectively.

4. It shall be the duty of the Captain of each company to

keep a roll of the members of his company, which roll shall be called whenever the company may be ordered out for exercise, and also at every fire.

5. It shall be the duty of the several Captains to be present at each meeting of their respective companies for exercise and at every fire, and to take the entire charge and direction of said companies at such fire.

6. The Captains of said companies are hereby authorized to appoint a General Superintendent, whose duty it shall be to report at each regular meeting of the Commissioners the condition of the engines, the number of feet of the hose and its condition, and the complement of men belonging to each engine.

7. During the continuance of any fire each of the Captains and the Mayor shall have power to call on any and all persons to assist in extinguishing the same, or in pulling down or blowing up any building, or in removing any goods, wares, merchandise and furniture from any building on fire or in danger, to some place of safety. Any person failing to obey any order given for the purposes aforesaid shall forfeit ten dollars: *Provided, however,* that no dwelling house, store or warehouse shall be blown up, pulled down or in any way destroyed, without the advice and consent of the Mayor, or in his absence, of any two Commissioners.

8. In case of fire, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to attend and take charge of the police department; in case of the removal or exposure of property, he shall detail a sufficient number of citizens, not members of the fire department, who shall constitute an auxiliary police force, whose duty it shall be, under direction of the Mayor, to guard all exposed property, and detain all suspicious and disorderly persons, and do whatever may be lawfully done to protect the rights of the citizens and preserve the public peace.

9. The members of the fire companies shall be exempt from poll tax.