

# ORDINANCES

OF THE

# CORPORATION

OF THE

**DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK**

AND THE

# ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

RELATING THERETO.

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tioners may appoint; which constables or persons so to be appointed, shall cause the dogs or sluts by them seized, to be removed without the inhabited parts of the district, killed and buried; and for every dog or slut so removed, killed and buried, shall receive the sum of one dollar, to be paid out of the funds of the district.

SEC. II. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person who shall molest, or obstruct the said constables or persons to be appointed as aforesaid, in carrying into effect the provisions contained in this ordinance, shall be liable to forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be sued for, and recovered with costs before any justice of the peace within the said district, one half thereof to the use of the person suing for the same, and the other half thereof to the use of the district.



## Firing of Guns, &c.

### ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

To sell or fire squibs or fire works, &c. 1

Act of the Legislature, passed 9th February, 1750.

An act for the more effectual preventing accidents, &c.

SEC. I. *Be it enacted,* That if any person shall fire any gun or other fire-arm, or shall make, or cause to be made, or sell or utter, or offer to expose to sale, any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, or shall cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, within any of the said towns or boroughs, without the Governor's special license for the same, every such person or persons, so offending, shall be subject to the like penalties and forfeitures, and to be recovered in like manner, as in and by an act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of King George the first, entitled, "An act for preventing accidents, &c.



### ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

On firing of guns, or setting off	Appeal,	4
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Act of the Legislature, passed 24th December, 1774.

An act to suppress the disorderly practice of firing guns, &c. on the times therein mentioned.

SEC. I. That whereas a disorderly practice prevails in many parts of this province, of firing guns at or near new-years day, which is frequently attended with much mischief and greatly disturbs the public peace: for remedy whereof for the future, *Be it enacted,* That if, after the publication of this act, any person or persons shall, on any thirty-first day of December, or first or second day of Janu-

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ary, in every year, wantonly, and without reasonable occasion, discharge and fire off any hand-gun, pistol or other fire arms, or shall cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fire-works, within the inhabited parts of this province, to the disturbance of any of his majesty's subjects there inhabiting and being, every such person so offending, and being thereof convicted before any one justice of the peace of the county, or mayor or other head officer, a justice of the peace of any city or town corporate, where such offence shall be committed, either by confession of the party so offending, or the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witnesses (which oath or affirmation the said justice or other officer aforesaid is hereby empowered and required to administer) shall for every such offence forfeit, for the use of the poor of the township or district where such offender lives, the sum of ten shillings, to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels, by warrant, under the hand and seal of the justice or other officer before whom such offender shall be convicted, returning the overplus, if any, to the owner, the reasonable charge of distraining being first deducted; and for want of such distress, such offender shall be committed to prison for the space of five days, without bail or main prize.

SEC. II. If any person or persons, after the publication of this act, shall willingly permit or suffer, within the time aforesaid, any person or persons to discharge or fire off, at his or her house, any hand-gun, pistol or other fire arms, or to cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets, or other fire-works, as aforesaid, every person so as aforesaid offending, and being thereof convicted in manner aforesaid, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay, for the use aforesaid, the sum of twenty shillings, to be recovered in manner aforesaid.

SEC. III. The constable of each respective city, borough, township or place, in every county of this province, having any knowledge of any offences against this act, shall, and he is hereby required under the penalty of twenty shillings, to present on oath or affirmation, every such offence to one of the next justices of the peace of their respective counties, or before the justices of the general quarter sessions of the peace for the same county, together with the name or names of all such offenders, that they may be tried, agreeable to the directions of this act.

SEC. IV. *Provided always,* That if any person shall conceive him or herself aggrieved by the judgment of any such justice, he or she may appeal to the next county court of quarter sessions of the said county, who shall, on the petition of the party, take such order therein, as to them shall appear just and reasonable, and the same shall be conclusive to all parties.

SEC. V. *Provided always,* That no person or persons shall be prosecuted or troubled for any offence against this act, unless the same be prosecuted within four months after the offence committed.

ORDINANCE.

To make bonfires, a fine, 8 | Firing of Guns, a fine, 9

Ordinance of the District of Southwark, passed 22d Sep. 1794.

An Ordinance for the Suppression of Nuisances, &c.

SEC. VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day of January next, if any person or persons shall make any bonfire, or burn shavings or other combustibles, in any of the streets of the regulated parts of this district; without having first obtained permission of the president of the board of commissioners for the time being, every such person or persons shall pay a fine of two dollars.

SEC. IX. And whereas the firing of cannon, or other great pieces of artillery or small arms, and the illuminating of houses within the district, on occasions of public rejoicings, have been attended with many great mischiefs and inconveniences: *It is therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall fire or discharge any cannon, or other piece of artillery or small arms, or illuminate, or cause to be illuminated any house within the regulated parts of this district, without the permission of the president of the board of commissioners, for the time being, first had and obtained in writing, under his hand, shall be subject to the penalty of forfeiting, and paying for every piece of cannon or other artillery, or small arms so fired, or house so illuminated, the sum of ten dollars.



Guardians of the Poor.

ACT OF ASSEMBLY.

Guardians of the poor, when and how to be elected,	1	and how to be elected,	2
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Act of the Legislature, passed 6th March 1828.

An act for the relief and employment of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the townships of the Northern Liberties and Penn.

SEC. I. The select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, the commissioners of the incorporated district of the

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