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# L A W S

OF THE

MAYOR and COMMONALTY

OF THE

TOWN of ALEXANDRIA:

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED,

# A C T S

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA

RESPECTING THE

TOWN of ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA:

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SEC. V. The fines hereby incurred, shall be recoverable by warrant before a single magistrate, and shall be to the use of the mayor and commonalty.

*Fines recoverable.*

*Passed the 5th of February, 1800.*

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**A N A C T**

**To prevent accidents from Horses and Carriages; from Dogs going at large, and from Fire.**

SEC. I. **B**E it enacted by the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Alexandria, That, from and after the passing of this act, no person shall drive any Carriage whatever, within the limits of the corporation, out of an ordinary travelling gait, or in a careless or inattentive manner; or gallop, or otherwise force any Horse out of such ordinary travelling gait. Nor shall any person, within the limits aforesaid, ride, or take any horse through the streets without a bridle or halter. Any person who shall transgress herein, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars for every such transgression.

*No Horse or carriage to be driven out of an ordinary travelling gait.*

SEC. II. All owners of Dogs shall keep such Dogs chained, or otherwise confined; and if any Dog shall be found going at large, without his owner, the owner shall be subject to the penalty of One Dollar. It shall be lawful for any person, and shall particularly be the duty of the constables, to kill and destroy any Dog found so going at large without his owner.

*Penalty on owners of dogs suffering them to go at large.*

SEC. III. No person shall discharge any Musket, Fowling-piece, Pistol, or other Fire Arms, within the limits of the corporation, unless in defence of his or her person or property, under the penalty of One Dollar for each offence.

*No person to discharge any fire arms.*

SEC. IV. It shall not be lawful to burn any Lime or Brick-kiln, within the limits of the corporation, unless such Lime-kiln be at least two hundred feet distant, or such Brick-kiln at least thirty feet distant from all buildings. The person who shall burn any Lime or Brick-kiln within the corporation, at a less distance from any building than is hereby allowed, shall for each offence forfeit and pay Fifty Dollars.

*Lime & brick kilns to be burnt at certain distances from the houses, &c.*

SEC. V. No Fuel, Shavings, or other combustible matter shall be burnt in the open air within the corporation, unless in the day time, at the distance of two hundred feet, at least, from every building or fence. All Fires made at any greater distance, shall be carefully extinguished before sun-down, by the person or persons making the same. Whoever shall offend herein, shall be subject to the penalty of Five Dollars. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to prevent the making of fires for boiling pitch or tar, for tarring or paying vessels, or for heating bands by blacksmiths, to be fitted to wheels, so as such fires be extinguished as before directed.

*Fires not to be burnt in the open air.*

*Proviso.*

SEC. VI. No person shall construct the pipe of any Stove through the wall of any house, or through any wooden floor, or lath, or wooden partition; or set up a Stove on any plank or wooden floor, before it shall have been rendered secure, by placing at least two rows of bricks between the floor and such Stove. Whoever shall in any respect offend herein, shall forfeit and pay Twenty Dollars for each offence.

*Stove pipes not to be conducted thro' any wall, &c. &c.*

SEC. VII. The dimensions of all Chimneys which shall hereafter be erected, shall be at least fourteen inches by twelve, and shall be constructed in such a manner as to allow chimney-sweepers to pass through them.

*What shall be the dimensions of chimneys.*

SEC. VIII. It shall be the duty of the wardens to remove, or cause to be removed, all Stoves and stove-pipes, and to take down, or cause to be taken down, all Chimneys put up or erected, contrary to the intent and meaning of this act.

*Wardens to remove stoves &c. improperly set up.*

SEC. IX. The several fines imposed by this act, shall be to the use of the corporation, and shall be recoverable by warrant before a single magistrate, or by action of debt, or information in any court of record, as the case may require.

*Penalties, how recoverable.*

*Repealing clause.*

**Sec. X.** All and every act and acts coming within the purview hereof, are hereby repealed, except as to so much thereof as may relate to any offence done, or fine or penalty incurred under the same, before the passing of this act.

*Passed the 5th of February, 1800.*

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# A N A C T

## For appointing Guagers, Measurers of Grain, Salt, and Coal; Measurers of Lumber, and Cordors of Wood; and appointing their several duties.

*Guagers, measurers of grain, &c. measurers of lumber, and cordors of wood when to be appointed.*

**Section I.** **BE** it enacted by the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Alexandria. That the court of Hustings shall annually, in the month of March or April, appoint one or more fit persons to act in each of the following capacities: that is to say, as guagers of Liquors; measurers of Grain, Salt and Coal; measurers of Lumber, and Cordors of Wood. The persons so appointed shall, before entering on their respective offices, make oath or affirmation before the court, faithfully to execute their several duties; and shall, moreover, give bond with good security, in such sum as the court may think necessary, payable to the mayor and commonalty, conditioned for the faithful performance of the said duties.

*Duty of guagers.*

**Section II.** It shall be the duty of the Guager or Guagers, to guage all spirituous and fermented liquors, offered for sale in casks; to attend when called on for that purpose, and to mark the contents and ullage on each cask or vessel so guaged. For which services he shall be paid by the seller of such liquors the following fees, viz. for guaging any number of hogheads or pipes not exceeding five, twelve and one-half cents each; for any number above five, and not exceeding ten, ten cents each; for any number exceeding ten, six cents each: for guaging any number of tierces, barrels, or vessels containing smaller quantities, not exceeding five, eight cents each; for any number above five, and not exceeding ten, six cents each; for any number above ten, four cents each—to be paid by the seller. If any Guager shall make a mistake of more than two gallons in the contents of any vessel, he shall make full compensation to the person injured thereby. Any person who shall sell and deliver any spirituous or fermented liquors by the pipe, hoghead, tierce or barrel, without having them guaged previous to such sale by a Public Guager, shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay Five Dollars.

*Their fees.*

*Penalty for selling spirituous liquors without having them first guaged.*

*Duty of the measurers of grain.*

**Section III.** It shall be the duty of the Measurers of grain appointed under this act, to provide, at their own expence, a sufficient number of barred half-bushels, for the measurement of all kinds of grain, except oats and barley, and of half-bushels without bars, for oats, barley and salt, to be regulated by the standard of this Commonwealth; and also to provide a sufficient number of measures without bars, for coal, containing two and a-half bushels, according to the said standard, which shall be considered as two bushels. In the measurement of all grain, except oats and barley, the Measurers shall use a strike with a square edge, at least three-fourths of an inch thick; in the measurement of oats, barley and salt, they shall use a strike rounded on the edge. The Measurers shall attend at all times when called on, for the purpose of measuring grain, salt, or coal, and shall furnish the buyer and seller with a certificate of the quantity measured. For which services they shall be paid by the seller twenty-five cents for each hundred bushels so measured, and in the same proportion for any greater or less quantity.

*Their fees.*

*Penalty on persons selling grain &c without having it measured.*

**Section IV.** No person who shall hereafter import any grain, salt, or coal into the town for sale, shall deliver the same, or any part thereof, to the buyer, out of the vessel in which it shall be so imported, without having it duly measured by the Public Measurer. Nor shall any person, in any case whatsoever, sell and deliver any greater quantity of grain or salt than two hundred bushels, or any greater quantity of coal than forty bushels, without having the same previously measured as aforesaid. Every person who shall herein offend, shall forfeit and pay Five Dollars for every hundred bushels so sold and delivered, and in the same proportion for any greater or less quantity.