

*In suis non fallitur.*

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FOR THE

ASSISTANT FIRE SOCIETY,

INSTITUTED AT *BOSTON*,

DECEMBER 2, 1783.

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# Assistant Fire Society.

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*WE, the subscribers, for the more speedy and effectual assistance of each other, in securing our substance when in danger by FIRE, do agree to the following ARTICLES :*

## ARTICLE I.

**T**HIS Society shall consist of a number not exceeding *thirty* ; and shall meet on the second Tuesday evening in March, June, September and December, at such time and place as the Clerk shall appoint.

## ARTICLE II.

A CLERK shall be appointed at the meeting in December, unless some gentleman shall be found willing to serve at the request of the Society. The manner of appointing the Clerk shall be as follows, viz. Every Member who has not served, or paid his fine for not serving, shall draw a lot—  
absent

absent members, by proxy ; and whoever draws lot N<sup>o</sup> 1, shall serve, as no fine can exempt him.

### ARTICLE III.

A PRESIDENT shall be chosen by ballot, at the meeting in December ; his duty shall be to preserve order ; and if any member has any thing to offer to the consideration of the Society, he shall address the President. All matters relative to the Society, excepting the admission of Members, shall be determined by a majority of the company present.

### ARTICLE IV.

THE list shall be called half an hour after the time affixed for meeting ; any Member then absent, shall pay *one shilling* ; if absent the whole evening, *nine shillings*. No one shall leave the company without permission obtained of the President, and satisfying the Clerk for his part of the expenses of the evening, on penalty of paying the same as absent Members.

## ARTICLE V.

THE duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of all the business of the Society ; to notify every Member of each meeting, by leaving a notification at his dwelling-house, on which shall also be written the sum such Member may owe the Society ; the names of Candidates, and the removal of Members. He shall have power to demand and receive all fines and arrearages ; and to call a special meeting, upon application made to him by six Members, in writing. He shall notify seven Members in their turns, one day, at least, before each quarterly meeting, to accompany him in his visits to examine the buckets, &c. of each Member ; any one neglecting to attend him, shall pay *six shillings*. He shall provide the entertainment, call the bill on or before 10 o'clock, and pay it with the money on hand, if sufficient ; if not, assess the deficiency on the company present, himself excepted, he being excused from all expenses. He shall read the laws to the Society, at the meeting in December. At the end of the year he shall deliver to his successor, the book of accounts  
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and transactions, together with the stock of cash then on hand, belonging to the Society. For neglecting any part of the duty as above or hereafter specified, he shall be liable to pay not less than *one* nor more than *twenty shillings*, according to the discretion of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VI.

EACH Member shall have two leather buckets, in which shall be two bags, constantly hanging up in some convenient place in their respective dwellings; each bag measuring one yard and three quarters in length, and three quarters of a yard in breadth. The buckets and bags shall be marked with the first letters of the owner's christian name, and with his surname at length, under penalty of *six shillings* for each bucket and for each bag. The buckets shall be painted with the device and motto of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VII.

AT the alarm of fire each one shall immediately repair, with his buckets and bags, to the dwelling house or store of that Member which he apprehends most in danger,

danger, and use his best endeavours, by direction of the owner, if present, to remove and secure all his goods, and return them to him again, free of expense.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

THE loss of buckets or bags in time of fire shall be made good by the Society, provided the owner shall make report of the same to the Clerk within a week after it may happen, having them previously publickly cried by the Town-Crier.

#### ARTICLE IX.

EACH Member shall have a printed copy of these articles, with the Members names, places of their dwelling and stores, and produce the same, complete, to the Clerk, at each meeting, under penalty of *one shilling*. The Clerk shall grant a new copy, at any time, to a member wanting the same, for the sum of *two shillings*, which shall be credited the Society.

#### ARTICLE X.

WHEN any Member removes his store or dwelling, he shall inform the Clerk thereof, in writing, within a week, under penalty of *one shilling*.

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THE admission of Members shall be by ballot, and three negatives shall be sufficient to prevent any person from being a Member of this Society.

## ARTICLE XII.

ANY Member, who shall absent himself three meetings successively, shall on the fourth be particularly notified by the Clerk ; and if he does not then give or send a reasonable excuse, and pay his account, he shall no longer be considered a Member.

## ARTICLE XIII.

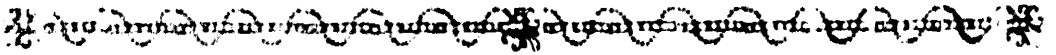
ANY one who neglects paying his fines or arrearages, after three several applications by the Clerk, shall be no longer a Member.

## ARTICLE XIV.

THESE laws shall be transcribed into the book of records, and each Member shall sign the same, to testify his willingness to be governed by them.



MEMBERS NAMES, &c.





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AARON DEXTER,

JOHN AMORY, jun.

WILLIAM PAYNE,

PATRICK CONNER,

DANIEL GREENLEAF,

RUFUS G. AMORY,

JONATHAN FREEMAN, jun.

REDFORD WEBSTER,

WILLIAM DEBLOIS,

JOSEPH MAY,

SAMUEL BLAGGE,

SAMUEL TORKEY,

THOMAS PERKINS,

JACOB EUSTIS,

THOMAS GREENLEAF,

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## Places of Abode.

## Places of Business.

*Milk Street,**Newbury Street,**State Street,**Marlborough Street,**Brattle Square,**Tremont Street,**Franklin Place,**Ann Street,**Franklin Place,**Atkinson Street,**Leveret Street, W. Boston,**Court Street,**Newbury Street, No. 41.**Back Street,**Cornhill, No. 63.*

*N A M E S.*

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DANIEL SARGENT, jun.

THOMAS H. PERKINS,

THOMAS AMORY, jun.

WILLIAM SPOONER,

CHARLES BULFINCH,

JOSEPH WOODWARD,

SAMUEL JAMES,

JOSEPH CHAPMAN,

SIMON ELLIOT,

JAMES PERKINS,

STEPHEN CODMAN,

H. G. OTIS,

CHARLES VAUGHAN.

JAMES S. DEBLOIS,

JOSEPH BARRELL.

## Places of Abode.

## Places of Business.

*Court Street,*  
*Purchase Street,*  
*Franklin Place,*  
*Cambridge Street,*  
*West Boston,*  
*Newbury Street,*  
*Staniford Street,*  
*Quaker Lane,*  
*Federal Street,*  
*Franklin Place,*  
*Sudbury Street,*  
*Hawkins Street,*  
*Botedoin Square,*  
*Long Lane,*