

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That a Sum not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds be raised by a Lottery or Lotteries, for and to the Purpose of re-building the said Mills; and that John Pitts and John White, Esquires, and Mr. William Paine, or any two of them, shall be Managers of the said Lottery or Lotteries, who shall be sworn to the faithful Performance of their Trust; which said Managers shall make and publish in such News Papers as they shall judge proper, a Scheme for the said Lottery or Lotteries, as soon as may be; and they shall also publish therewith all necessary Rules and Regulations for the Management thereof. And all Prizes which may be drawn in the said Lottery or Lotteries, shall be paid without any Deduction, provided they are demanded within Six Months after the Drawing of the said Lottery or Lotteries, otherwise the Money arising from such Prizes, shall be appropriated to the Purpose aforesaid.

£2000 to be raised by Lottery.

Names of the Managers.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forge, counterfeit, or alter any Lottery Ticket issued by Virtue of this Act, or shall pass or utter any such forged, counterfeited or altered Ticket, knowing the same to be false, forged, counterfeited or altered, or shall advise or assist in forging, altering, or counterfeiting the same, every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted before the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth, shall be punished by being set on the Gallows for the Space of one Hour, with a Rope round his Neck, or shall pay a Fine not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, to the Use of this Commonwealth, or suffer not more than Twelve Months Imprisonment, nor less than Two, or be publicly whipped, not exceeding Thirty-nine Stripes, at the Discretion of the said Supreme Judicial Court, according to the Nature and Circumstances of the Offence.

Persons guilty of Forgery.

Penalty.

February 26, 1783.

1782. — Chapter 46.

[January Session, ch. 13.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE SEVERAL ACTS ALREADY MADE FOR THE PRUDENT STORAGE OF GUN POWDER WITHIN THE TOWN OF BOSTON.

Chap. 46

Whereas the depositing of loaded Arms in the Houses of the Town of Boston, is dangerous to the Lives of those who

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are disposed to exert themselves when a Fire happens to break out in the said Town :

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person shall take into any Dwelling House, Stable, Barn, Out House, Ware House, Store, Shop, or other Building within the Town of *Boston*, any Cannon, Swivel, Mortar, Howitzer, Cohorn, or Fire Arm, loaded with, or having Gun Powder in the same, or shall receive into any Dwelling House, Stable, Barn, Out House, Store, Ware House, Shop, or other Building, within the said Town, any Bomb, Grenade, or other Iron Shell, charged with, or having Gun Powder in the same, such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be recovered at the Suit of the Firewards of the said Town, in an Action of Debt, before any Court proper to try the same; one Moiety thereof to the Use of the said Firewards, and the other Moiety to the Support of the Poor of the Town of *Boston*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Cannon, Swivels, Mortars, Howitzers, Cohorns, Fire Arms, Bombs, Granades, and Iron Shells of any Kind, that shall be found in any Dwelling House, Out House, Stable, Barn, Store, Ware House, Shop, or other Building, charged with, or having in them any Gun Powder, shall be liable to be seized by either of the Firewards of the said Town: And upon Complaint made by the said Firewards to the Court of Common Pleas, of such Cannon, Swivels, Mortars, or Howitzer, being so found, the Court shall proceed to try the Merits of such Complaint by a Jury; and if the Jury shall find such Complaint supported, such Cannon, Swivel, Mortar, or Howitzer, shall be adjudged forfeit, and be sold at public Auction; and one Half of the Proceeds thereof shall be disposed of to the Firewards, and the other Half to the Use of the Poor of the Town of *Boston*. And when any Fire Arms, or any Bomb, Grenade, or other Shell, shall be found in any House, Out House, Barn, Stable, Store, Warehouse, Shop, or other Building, so charged, or having Gun Powder in the same, the same shall be liable to be seized in Manner aforesaid; and on Complaint thereof, made and supported before a Justice of the Peace, shall be sold and disposed of as is above provided for Cannon.

Be it further enacted, That Appeals shall be allowed in Prosecutions upon this Act as is usual in other Cases.

March 1, 1783.

Persons prohibited taking into their Dwellings, &c. any piece of Ordnance loaded with Gun Powder.

Penalty.

Pieces of Ordnance charged with Gun Powder found in any Dwelling-House, &c. liable to be seized.

How disposed of in Cases of Forfeiture.

Appeals allowed.