

A Supplement to the act entitled "An act for establishing the boundaries of the Town of Dover and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the Town of Dover, and of the Justices of the Peace and constable ^{for Kent County} residing within the said Town to suppress all riotous, turbulent, disorderly or noisy assemblages or gatherings of negroes, mulattoes or other persons, in the streets, lanes, alleys, or on the public square of the said Town after night or on the Sabbath day, and for this purpose it shall be the duty of the said Constable, upon the requirement of any one of the said Commissioners, and without further warrant ^{forthwith} to seize and arrest any such negroes, mulattoes or other persons, so assembled or gathered together and offending as aforesaid, and to carry such negroes, mulattoes or other persons so offending before any Justice of the Peace residing in the said Town, and upon conviction of any such negro, mulattoe or other person for so offending as aforesaid, before the said Justice (whose duty it shall be to hear and determine the case) the said Justice is hereby authorized and required to commit every such negro, mulattoe or other person so convicted to the Common Jail of Kent County for the space of twenty-four hours, and until the costs of the proceedings be paid; or the said Justice may in his discretion, sentence any such negro, mulattoe or other person so convicted, to pay to the State a fine not exceeding five dollars and commit the

party to the jail aforesaid until the said fine and costs be paid. It shall be the duty of each of the said Justices of the Peace upon complaint made before him of any such riotous, turbulent, noisy assemblage, or gathering of ~~sexes~~ negroes mulattoes or other persons as aforesaid, to issue his warrant to the said Constable commanding said Constable to bring every such negro, mulatto or other person so offending as aforesaid before him the said Justice for trial.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners, Justices and Constable to suppress, extinguish and prevent all bonfires from being lighted or kept up on the public square of the said town, or in any of the streets lanes or alleys of the said town: and to suppress and prevent the firing of guns, crackers or squibs by boys or others within the limits of the said town.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That upon every conviction of a riotous, turbulent or disorderly person under the provisions of this act the Justice and Constable shall each be entitled to a fee of sixty cents, to be paid by the defendant or person convicted: and if any Constable shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties enjoined upon him by this act he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit his office: and it shall be the duty of the

Commissioners aforesaid to present every such neglect or refusal to the Grand Jury that the same may be inquired into.

Section 4. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have charge of the Streets lanes and alleys of the said town, of Dover, and of the public square in said Town; and shall have authority to make such regulations relative to the travelling over and upon the said streets and public square, and to the use thereof, the standing of carts or carriages or the placing of other obstructions thereon, as they may deem proper, and if any person shall wilfully violate the regulations of the said Commissioners in this behalf, every such person shall, for every such offence forfeit and pay to the said Commissioners for the use of the said Town, the sum of one dollar, to be recovered, with costs of suit at the suit of the said Commissioners before any Justice of the Peace in the same manner as other debts under fifty dollars are by law recoverable.

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Thomas Davis speaking of
the House of Representatives
James P. Lofland,
Speaker of the Senate.

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