

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF DELAWARE,

PASSED AT

A SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

COMMENCED AND HELD

AT DOVER,

ON TUESDAY THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO,

AND OF THE

INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

THE FIFTY-SIXTH.

BY AUTHORITY.

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

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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 or noisy assemblage, or gathering of negroes mulattoes or other persons as aforesaid, to issue his warrant to the said constable commanding said constable to bring every such negro mulattoe 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 squibbs 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 an offence in office and upon conviction thereof shall