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A DIGEST
OF THE
ORDINANCES OF THE CORPORATION
OF THE
DISTRICT OF PENN,

AND
ACTS OF ASSEMBLY RELATING THERETO.

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ORDINANCES.

ORDINANCE of July 14, 1851.

An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a Captain of the Watch, and the establishment of a Nightly Watch in the District of Penn.

1. SECTION I.—*Be it ordained, &c.*, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, there may or shall be erected a sufficient number of watch houses, in such parts and places in the district as the commissioners may determine.

2. SECTION II.—That there shall be appointed a captain of the watch, and a sufficient number of able bodied men as watchmen, as may be deemed necessary from time to time; and it shall be the duty of the said captain to aid the watchmen in preventing burglaries, robberies, and other outrages and disorders within the district. And to that end, be and they are hereby empowered and required to arrest, apprehend and confine all persons whom they shall find disturbing the peace, or shall have cause to suspect of any unlawful or evil design, or persons discharging or firing off any hand gun, pistol or other firearms, or shall cast, throw or fire any squibs, rockets or other fireworks, or make or assist at making bonfires within the regulated parts of the district in the night time; and shall take the person or persons so apprehended, as soon as conveniently may be, before the police or other magistrates, as may be from time to time directed, to be examined and dealt with according to law; and the said captain shall once or oftener, at convenient hours of the night, go about such parts of the district, as may from time to time be prescribed by the board of commissioners, to take notice if the watchmen perform their duties, in their several stations, according to the order or regulations which are or shall be made, and to do and perform all the duties heretofore enjoined (by ordinance or otherwise) upon the superintendent of lamps; and in case any watchman shall misbehave, neglect or refuse to do his duty, the

said captain shall, as soon as may be convenient, give notice to the lamp and watch committee, or some one of them. The said captain and watchmen shall receive such compensation for their services, as the board of commissioners may from time to time determine; and that the captain of the watch and watchmen shall be elected annually hereafter, to enter upon their duties on the first Monday in April.

3. SECTION III.—That any ordinance passed since the twenty first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in reference to lamplighters and superintendent of lamps, shall be so altered and construed as to read watchmen and captain of the watch, instead of superintendent of lamplighters and lamplighters.

ORDINANCE of December 17, 1851.

An Ordinance establishing a Lieutenant of the Watch in the District of Penn.

4. SECTION I.—*Be it ordained, &c.*, That it shall be lawful for the committee on gas, lamp, and watch, to appoint one suitable person to act as lieutenant of the watch, whose duty it shall be to act with and assist the captain of the watch in the performance of his duties.

5. SECTION II.—The lieutenant of the watch shall be subject to the same rules and penalties now governing the captain of the watch, and he shall receive three hundred and seventy-five dollars per annum for his services, payable monthly: *Provided*, The term of said officer shall expire at the same time as that of the captain of the watch; and that he shall have the same powers as those enjoined upon the captain, and to be under his control.