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PUBLIC STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

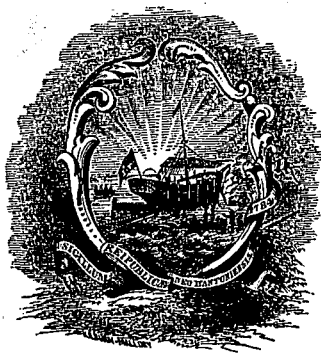
TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE
UNITED STATES AND STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

WITH A

GLOSSARY AND DIGESTED INDEX.



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CHAPTER 117.

SAFE-KEEPING OF GUNPOWDER AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES.

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SECTION 1. The board of firewards, if any, or the selectmen of any town, may establish rules and regulations from time to time relative to the times and places at which gunpowder may be brought to or carried from such town, by land or by water, and the time when and the manner in which it may be transported through the town.

Firewards to make regulations as to gunpowder. 1854, 1543: 1. G. S. 98: 1. G. L. 108: 1.

SECT. 2. Any two firewards, police officers, or selectmen may search any building in the compact part of the town, and any vessel lying in any port, in which they have cause to suspect that gunpowder in a greater quantity than twenty-five pounds is kept or stored, and, in case a greater quantity shall be found, shall seize the same as forfeited.

Firewards, etc., to search for powder unlawfully kept. R. S. 112: 1. C. S. 118: 1. G. S. 98: 2. G. L. 108: 2.

SECT. 3. Any person who shall keep or knowingly suffer any quantity of gunpowder greater than twenty-five pounds to be kept or stored in any such building or vessel, or shall aid or assist in keeping or storing the same, or shall know that the same is so stored or kept, and shall not forthwith inform one of the firewards, police officers, or selectmen thereof, shall forfeit a sum not more than five dollars for every day the same shall be so stored or kept.

Not over twenty-five pounds to be kept; penalty. R. S. 112: 2. C. S. 118: 2. G. S. 98: 3. 1878, 51: 1. G. L. 108: 3.

SECT. 4. Gunpowder kept for retail, in quantities less than twenty-five pounds, shall at all times be kept in a canister of tin or other metal, securely covered from fire, or if the same is kept in a cask or combustible vessel, the cask or vessel shall be enveloped in a close leathern bag. If any person shall keep gunpowder for retail in any other manner, he shall forfeit a sum not more than five dollars for every day the same shall be so kept.

How kept for sale; penalty. R. S. 112: 3. C. S. 118: 3. G. S. 98: 4. G. L. 108: 4.

SECT. 5. Gunpowder shall not be transported through the compact part of a town or village in a greater quantity than one hundred pounds, nor unless the casks containing the same are enveloped in close leathern bags, unless it shall be conveyed in a closely covered carriage. If any person shall transport any greater quantity of gunpowder, or in any other manner, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

How transported through towns; penalty. R. S. 112: 4. C. S. 118: 4. G. S. 98: 5. G. L. 108: 5.

SECT. 6. No carriage upon which there shall be a greater quantity than twenty-five pounds of gunpowder shall be suffered to stand in any building, or near any dwelling-house, store, or other building, in the compact part of a town. Any person

Carriage with powder not to stand in towns; penalty. R. S. 112: 5. C. S. 118: 5.

G. S. 98: 6.
G. L. 108: 6.

Peddling gun-
powder for-
bidden; pen-
alty.

R. S. 112: 7.
C. S. 118: 7.
G. S. 98: 7.
G. L. 108: 7.

who shall stop, place, or leave any such carriage as aforesaid shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

SECT. 7. If any person shall carry from town to town, or from place to place, any gunpowder for the purpose of peddling or selling it by retail in quantities less than twenty-five pounds, or shall sell, or offer to sell, by retail, any gunpowder in any highway or street, or on any wharf, parade, or common, or if any person shall sell or deal out any gunpowder in the night time, between sunset and sunrise, he shall forfeit for each offense a sum not more than five dollars.

Gunpowder,
when for-
feited.

R. S. 112: 1, 6.
C. S. 118: 1, 6.
G. S. 98: 8.
G. L. 108: 8.

Gunpowder
to be depos-
ited in maga-
zine.

R. S. 112: 9.
C. S. 118: 9.
G. S. 98: 9.
G. L. 108: 9.

SECT. 8. Any gunpowder offered for sale, kept, carried, or suffered to remain in any place contrary to the provisions of this chapter, shall be forfeited; and any fireward, police officer, or selectman may seize the same.

SECT. 9. The master of any merchant ship or vessel, bringing into any port in this state gunpowder in a quantity greater than twenty-five pounds, shall deposit in the public magazine, if any is there provided, all gunpowder so brought by him, within forty-eight hours. If he shall neglect so to deposit the same, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalties,
how recov-
ered and ap-
plied.

R. S. 112: 10.
C. S. 118: 10.
G. S. 98: 10.
G. L. 108: 10.

SECT. 10. Penalties and forfeitures of money incurred by any violation of this chapter shall be recovered by action of debt, to be brought by the firewards, police officers, or selectmen in the name of the town, and shall be expended in the purchase of such articles as may be used in the extinguishment of fires.

Penalty for
illegal car-
riage and use
of explosive
compounds.
1885, 96: 1.

SECT. 11. No person shall transport, or have in his possession for the purpose of transporting, in any public conveyance, nor shall any person leave, deposit, or have in his possession in any dwelling-house, shop, or manufactory, dynamite, giant powder, nitro-glycerine, or any explosive compound of which nitro-glycerine forms a part. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.