

## Village Laws.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Village of Plattsburgh, on the 24th of July, 1819, in the said Village, on the report of the committee appointed to revise the by-laws of the said Village; the following were read and adopted by the said Trustees, as the by-laws of the said Village, and ordered to be printed, to wit:

1. Be it ordained by the Trustees of the village of Plattsburgh, That the Trustees, within ten days after their being elected, in each year, shall, or the major part of them, and it is hereby made their duty to assemble in some convenient place in the said village, and there to appoint and choose a suitable person of their body, to be president of the board of Trustees, whose duty it shall be, when president, to preside at the meetings of the Trustees, to order extraordinary meetings of the Trustees, whenever he may think it proper to do so, to receive complaints of the breach of any by-law, and to prosecute, or cause to be prosecuted in the name of the Trustees, all offenders against the by-laws and regulations of the Corporation; and in case of the death, sickness or absence of the president, the senior Trustee shall perform the duty of the said president.

2. Be it further ordained, That there shall be appointed by the said Trustees, or a majority of them, a suitable person, being a member of the said village, to be clerk of the board of Trustees, who shall hold his said office during the pleasure of the said Trustees, and shall receive such compensation for his services as the Trustees shall from time to time allow therefor, whose duty it shall be to attend all meetings of the Trustees and all meetings of the Freeholders and inhabitants of the village when convened agreeable to law, and to record in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose the proceedings of every such meeting, and all by-laws and regulations made by the trustees for the good government of the said village, by virtue of the power given them by the Act of Incorporation, and to cause such by-laws and regulations to be published for the information of all concerned, and who shall also have the custody of the said books and papers of the said corporation, and shall, before he enters upon the execution of his office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before some Judge, Commissioner or Justice of the peace of the county of Clinton, for the faithful execution of the duties of the said office.

3. Be it further ordained, That there shall be appointed by the Trustees, one suitable person to be Captain of the fire Company in the said village, who shall be one of the fire wardens if consistent, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of a majority of the said Trustees, whose duty it shall be to organize a company of firemen in the said village, and to take care of and see that all fire engines, fire hooks, and all other utensils for extinguishing fires in the said village, be properly taken care of, and kept in order.

4. Be it further ordained, That the fire company of the said village shall consist of not less than fifteen, nor more than 25 members to be enrolled by voluntary enlistment, under the direction of the Captain of the fire company, with the approbation of the president of the Trustees of said village, whose duty it shall be respectively, unless there be some reasonable excuse, to attend whenever any fire shall happen in the said village, subject to the command of the Captain of the said company, and in his absence the senior officer or member designated by the regulations of the same, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence, and which company, when organized, shall be subject to such by-laws and regulations as the board of Trustees shall from time to time make respecting the same.

5. Be it further ordained, That whenever any fire shall happen in the said village, it shall be the duty of every able bodied male inhabitant of said village, above the age of sixteen years, unless he has some reasonable excuse, to assist in extinguishing the same in such

manner as the fire wardens, captain of the fire company, senior officer in his absence or either of them shall direct; and every such person who shall neglect or refuse to assist, as aforesaid, who thereunto required, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars, to the use of said corporation.

6. Be it further ordained, That it shall and may be lawful, and it is hereby made the duty of the fire wardens or either of them, during the month of December and May, in each and every year hereafter and oftener if necessary, and when required by the president or Trustees of the said corporation, to enter every dwelling house, store, or other building, in which a fire or fires are kept in the said village, and to examine the state and situation of the fire places, chimneys, stoves and stove-pipes in the same, and if they shall find any fire-place, chimney, stove or stove-pipe, in the same, in such state or situation as to endanger such house or buildings being burned, the said fire wardens shall notify or direct the occupant or occupants of such house or building to alter, cleanse, or remove the said fire-place, chimney, stove or stove-pipe in such a manner that it shall not be in danger of taking fire therefrom; and such occupant or occupants being so notified or directed, shall within twenty four hours, or as soon thereafter as time will permit, in case it cannot be done in twenty four hours to alter, remove or cleanse the said fire-place, chimney, stove, or stove-pipe in such manner as the said fire wardens shall direct as aforesaid, and if such occupant or occupants shall not within the time aforesaid so alter, remove or cleanse the said fire-place, chimney, stove or stove-pipe, he, she, or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars to the use of the said corporation, and the further sum of five dollars for every twenty four hours thereafter, that he, she, or they shall neglect to alter, remove or cleanse the same as aforesaid.

7. Be it further ordained, That every house, store, and shop within the said village shall be provided, or furnished, by the owner or occupant thereof, with a sufficient scuttle or other convenient and easy passage or means of ascent on to the roof of the same, or with a good sufficient ladder for that purpose, to be kept standing by the same, and that the occupant or occupants of every such house, store or shop and the owner or owners of such as are unoccupied who shall neglect, or refuse to provide or furnish the same as aforesaid, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars to the use of the said Corporation, and the further sum of two dollars for every week thereafter, that he, she, or they shall neglect or refuse to provide the same as aforesaid.

8. Be it further ordained, That the owners of every two story house, or store in the said village, shall furnish, and keep constantly on hand two good leather buckets, to hold ten quarts each, which shall be kept hung up in the most convenient place, in the said building, to be speedily obtained in case of a fire in the said village, and the owner or owners of every dwelling house, mechanic's shop & store one bucket as aforesaid each—each and every person who shall neglect, or refuse, to procure and keep the same as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars to the use of the said Corporation.

9. Be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any person, or persons, to erect or use any board, plank, or other kind, for drying boards, planks or lumber, by fire, in the said village, within twelve rods of any house, out-house, or other building, and that any person, or persons, who shall erect any such kind, or shall put any boards, or lumber in the same to be dried contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of ten dollars to the use of the said Corporation.

10. Be it further ordained, That no person or persons, shall, hereafter put, place, or lay any cart, carriage, wagon, manure, sleigh, sled, team, fire-wood, bricks, lumber, or materials for building, or any rubbish filth or other thing whatsoever in any street or highway in the said village or the side walks thereof, so as to obstruct the same, without permission in writing first obtained from the president, or a majority of the

Trustees, and that any person or persons, who shall offend in the premises, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar, and the further sum of one dollar for every twenty four hours that such person or persons shall neglect or refuse to remove such cart, carriage, wagon, manure, sleigh, sled, team, fire-wood, stone, bricks, lumber, material, rubbish, or filth out of such street or highway, after being notified and required to remove the same by the Trustees of the said village, or any of them, and it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the several owners, or occupants of lands and tenements in the said village to keep the streets adjoining thereunto clean from all filth and obstruction to the center of the highway and more especially the side walks, and on failure thereof, to pay a fine of one dollar to the use of the said Corporation. Also, any person who shall ride on any of the side walks in the village, or lead or drive any cattle or horse thereon, or drive any carriage whatsoever on the same, or injure them or any of them in any manner whatsoever without absolute necessity, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar as aforesaid, and any person who shall in any manner damage the same, shall also pay all damages.

11. Be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to erect, occupy, or use any slaughter house in the said village, except at such place or places as the Trustees or a majority of them, in a resolution to be entered in the books of the said Corporation shall permit, and any slaughter house or other building, as such, contrary to the provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a public nuisance, and it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, when authorized by the said Trustees or the major part of them, to pull down, remove and destroy the same, and any person or persons who shall erect any slaughter-house, or who shall suffer or permit any building occupied by him, her, or them, to be used as such, and any person or persons who shall butcher any swine, beef creature, sheep, calf, or lamb, therein, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars to the use of the said Corporation.

12. Be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any person, residing in the said village, to keep a bawdy house, or keep a house, store or shop of common resort, for idle or disorderly persons, or of common resort for persons who have no visible means of honest livelihood, (and more particularly in the night) or a common gaming house, store, or shop; or knowingly to keep or entertain in any house, out-house, or other building, occupied by him, her, or them, for the space of twenty four hours, any common prostitute, or any female who has no visible means of honest livelihood, or is guilty of open lewdness; and that any person or persons who shall be guilty of any breach of this ordinance, or of any of the offences or acts, prohibited hereby, shall, for every such act, breach or offence, forfeit and pay a fine of twelve dollars to the use of the said corporation.

13. Be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any owner or occupant of any house, store, shop or building whatsoever in said village to purchase, or procure or aid directly or indirectly the purchase from any soldier or soldiers, in the service of the United States, or other person or persons in his or their behalf, any arms, uniform clothing, ammunition, liquor, or other articles whatsoever, usually kept for the use of the United States, without such soldier has permission to sell the same by some officer of competent authority—under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence: And on complaint to, or on the personal knowledge of the president, that such shop or building is a place of the description aforesaid, and being so determined by the said trustees, and on notice thereof, the same shall be discontinued, and any owner or occupant shall not be permitted to keep the same as a huckster shop or for selling any liquor or other article whatsoever usually sold in such shops, under the penalty of five dollars for every twenty four hours the same shall be kept after such notice as aforesaid.

14. And be it further ordained, that it shall not be lawful for idle intoxicated or disorderly persons, or those who have no visible means of livelihood, to be loitering about the Village, under the penalty of being imprisoned in the common goal of the county of Clinton, for a term not exceeding forty eight hours, on being convicted thereof, and it is hereby made the duty of all persons and masters of apprentices and servants, to restrain and keep them from running about the said village as aforesaid, making disturbance, under the penalty of five dollars for

each and every offence, to be recovered of the person or master, as well as each individual who may be proved guilty of a breach of this ordinance: And also it is hereby declared to be the special duty of each of the Trustees aforesaid, to take or cause to be taken on his own view or on complaint, to take or cause to be taken, all idle, intoxicated or disorderly persons, or those who have no visible means of livelihood, as aforesaid, before some Justice of the peace, of the town of Plattsburgh, to answer for each and every violation of this ordinance as well as any breach of the peace, whatsoever committed within the limits of the said corporation.

15. Be it further ordained, That no business shall be done on the first day of the week, called Sunday, in any store or shop in the said village, except in cases of sickness and absolute necessity, and every such offender shall forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar.

16. Be it further ordained, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to run any horse, mare, or gelding, for sport, or otherwise, and only in cases of necessity, in any public street, within the limits of the said corporation, on which there are inhabitants residing who are thereby endangered, and every person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars.

17. Be it further ordained, That the Hay scales now in use, owned or occupied by Benjamin Gilman, be the only one licensed in the said Village; and that it shall be the duty of the person owning or keeping the same, to keep in repair, and at all reasonable times (on being paid for each and every load of hay to be weighed, twenty five cents) to attend the said scales and weigh each and every load, and give a certificate of the weight to the person applying, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every offence.

18. Be it further ordained, That all Bread sold, or offered for sale in the said village, shall be well made of good flour, into shilling and six-penny loaves and that the same shall weigh agreeable to the order of the President from time to time, notice thereof being given in the public newspaper printed in the village of Plattsburgh; and in case any one shall think himself injured by any such order of the President, he may apply to the Trustees, whose decision shall be conclusive; and any person or persons who shall sell or expose for sale any bread contrary to the above ordinance and regulations as to price and weight, as shall be established as aforesaid, shall forfeit the bread, so sold, or offered for sale, and forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar for every such offence.

19. Resolved, That the stalls in the market in said village, be numbered as follows, to wit, the one at the south east corner to be No. 1—south west No. 2—north west, No. 3—north east No. 4—and that the three first shall be sold under the direction of the president, to the highest bidder on the first Monday in June annually, agreeable to a reasonable notice to be given—at the rate of not less than ten dollars each, payable in advance, and that no one person or joint company be permitted to purchase more than one, to be used only by the person so purchasing—cases of absolute necessity excepted.—The fourth at the disposal of the president for the use of the said corporation; and it shall be the duty of those persons purchasing the said stalls, to furnish them as well as the situation of the country will permit, and attend all reasonable times; and that it shall not be lawful for any other person or persons to sell or expose for sale any fresh beef, pork, veal, mutton, or other meat, except by the quarter or larger quantities, at any place in the said village, except in the said market or in the street, between that and the highway passing northerly from Joseph I. Green's by the Court-house; and further it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, who are in the habit, or shall hereafter be in the habit of coming to, or attending the said Village to sell, or expose for sale either by himself or agent, directly or indirectly, any meat as aforesaid in the said Village, or by any bargain out of the same whatsoever, to bring or send into the said Village, to sell or expose to sale as aforesaid, any meat as aforesaid, except beef or pork by the quarter or larger quantities unless it be in the market, or the street aforesaid—and for each and every breach of the above resolution, the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar to the use of the said corporation.

20. And be it further ordained, that it shall not be lawful for the owner or owners of any cattle, hogs or horses in the said village, to permit or suffer them or any of them to run at large in the same, to the injury of any person or persons whomsoever, from the usual commencement of sleighing in the fall or winter, till the end of the same in the spring, & hogs at no seasons whatever, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every offence, and no liability of any person or persons for any injury he may be accused of to the said cattle, hogs or horses, while running as

aforesaid, to the injury as aforesaid, the person or persons who may be accused as aforesaid.

21. Be it further ordained, That breach of any of the foregoing regulations may be sued for and recovered with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace of the County of Clinton, or the use of the said Corporation, and all by-laws here made shall be subject to the same as other by-laws.

GILMAN, Secretary.  
JAS BAILEY, Clerk.

## For the Republic. CANADA THISTLES.

I read the Plough-boy Cother day,  
To do it justice, I must say,  
I liked it well,  
But plague upon its thistle words,  
One night a well hunt out old Tom  
By their smell,

Or tear from top of Pyrenees,  
With single grasshopper numerous,  
That fill the air,  
Or dry old Ocean with a spoon,  
And throw the brine into the moon,  
To kill the thistles there.

No-brine wont do—now here's the re-  
If Atlantic was a powdering tub,  
I guess 'twould be too small,  
Or if the brine in torrents fell—  
One little evil I'll foretell—  
'T would kill the grasses all.

But pour your brine on thistle root,  
And if you please, steam hot to boot,  
You'll kill a foot or so—  
And have you then succeeded?  
There's four feet left if they be need,  
To make a large crop grow.

How shall we make these tough things  
yield?  
Why make a furnace in each field  
And keep them hot,  
Thrust into each ten thousand spindle  
Of Swedish iron, with wooden handles,  
And burn the thistles out.

There's one thing more, I've try'd—  
I'll tell you what—and yet I'll hide,  
Altho' I give you warning—  
To thicken cloth, it answers well—  
With common soap, in fuling-mill,  
Apply it in the morning—

At least you've then a full supply,  
Drink cider plenty dont be dry,  
Nor stint yourself in gin,  
Attack the thistles by the ground,  
Nor turn—nor twist yourself arround  
When you do first begin.

Pull up the grass, clear all away,  
Continue on from day to day—  
As long as they appear,  
And if by chance they still should grow,  
Then take a sharp and heavy hoe,  
And cut them twice a year.

But thou perennial of the north,  
Thou shalt still live, we know thy word!  
Canada's horses eat thee,  
Thy hardy root shall feed the swine  
In spite of all the old beef brine—  
That ever was or can be.  
July 12th, 1819.

## A PLOUGH-MAN. For the Republic.

Catch A Snake on Lake Champlain  
MR. PRINTER,

On Thursday last, the inhabitant on the shore of Ball's Bay, was alarmed by the appearance of a monster, which from the description may be a relation of the Great Sea Serpent. Capt. Crum, who witnessed it slightly, relates that about eight o'clock in the morning when putting out for shore in a scow, he discovered at a distance of not more than two hundred yards, an unusual undulation of the surface of the water, which was attended by the appearance of a monster rearing its head more than fifteen feet and moving with the utmost velocity to the south—at the same time lashing with its Tail two large Surgeons and a Bill-fish which appeared to be engaged in pursuit. After the consternation occasioned by such a terrific spectacle had subsided, Capt. Crum took a particular survey of this singular animal, which he describes to be about 187 feet long, its head flat with three teeth, two in the under and one in the upper jaw, in shape similar to the sea-horse—the color black, with a star in the forehead and a belt of red around the neck—its body about the size of a hog's head with bunches on the back as large as a common potato-bunch—the eyes large and the color of a peeled onion—He continued to move with astonishing rapidity towards the shore for about a minute, when suddenly he darted under water and has not since been seen, altho' many fishing boats have been on the look out. Capt. Crum informs me that he has sent an express to Capt. Rich, of Boston, communicating this intelligence, but is fearful that before his arrival this disturber of our waters may be changed to a pickarel. Mr. \*\*\*\*\* the celebrated engraver of the Battle of Plattsburgh, is now at this place, prepared to take a sketch of his terrific majesty, should he again make his appearance.

I am, sir, with great respect,  
your obt. serv't.  
HORSE MACKEREL.