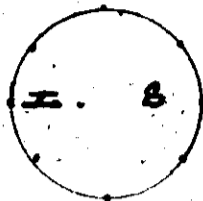


Dated at Saint Christopher this fifth day of November in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty eight and in the
thirty second year of Her Majesty's reign

No 23 - 1868 Saint Christopher.

An Act for the better prevention of Fire in
the Town of Basseterre.



Enacted by
J. G. Macdonald,
Governor.

Enacted

Whereas the careless use of Fire and the planting of canes close the
Town of Basseterre have been found highly dangerous and it is therefore
expedient to make provision for the better prevention thereof. Be it
therefore enacted by His Governor and Legislative Assembly of the islands
of Saint Christopher and Anguilla as follows:—

- any cultivation not to extend within 100 feet to the eastward or westward of any building
- anyly not exceeding 60 or 6 months imprisonment in default thereof for any breach of the above clause
- any Police Constable
1. From and after the passing of this Act no canes shall be planted, grown or cultivated within one hundred feet to the eastward or westward of any building or other erection within the limits of the said Town.
 2. Any person who shall contrary to the above provision plant or cause to be planted, grown, or cultivated any canes within one hundred feet of any building or other erection within the limits of the said Town, or be convicted thereof before any two or more Justices of the Peace, or any Police Magistrate shall for each and every offence forfeit and pay at the discretion of such Justices or Magistrate any sum not exceeding Fifty pounds and in default of payment shall be committed to the Common Gaol for any period not exceeding six calendar months.
 3. It shall be lawful for any Police Constable at all times, by the direction of the Inspector of Police, to enter together with all requisite assistants upon every any land on which canes shall or may have been planted contrary to the provisions of this Act and to cut down and destroy the same, and all any person or persons opposing or resisting him or them or any of them in so doing, shall for every such offence on conviction thereof before any two or more Justices of the Peace or any Police Magistrate, forfeit and pay at the discretion of such Justices or Magistrate any sum not exceeding one pound, and in default of payment shall be committed to the Common Gaol for any period not exceeding ten days.

Any person endangering the Town by the careless or improper use of fire within the limits of the said town shall endanger any property therein, or improper use of fire on conviction thereof before any two or more Justices of the Peace, shall be liable to a fine or any Police Magistrate shall, at the discretion of the said Justices of the Peace, a penalty not exceeding £50 or Magistrate, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Fifty pounds or 6 months imprisonment or be committed to the Common Gaol for any period not exceeding six months in default thereof.

All actions must be commenced within 6 months after the offence is committed

5. If any action shall be commenced against any person for anything done under this act, such proceeding shall be commenced within six calendar months next after the offence committed, and if in any such action the Plaintiff shall become nonsuit or discontinue the action after the Defendant has appeared, or if judgment shall pass against such Plaintiff, the Defendant shall recover double costs and shall have the same remedy for recovery thereof as in other cases.

Penalties recoverable in the usual manner

6. All penalties which may be incurred under this Act, shall and may be sued for and enforced in the usual manner summarily before any two or more Justices of the Peace, or any Police Magistrate.

Fines and Penalties payable into the Public Treasury

7. All fines and penalties, under and by virtue of this Act shall be paid into the Public Treasury of this Island for the use of the same.

Richard G. Sempier
Acting President

Passed the Legislative Assembly,
this Fifth day of November, 1868.

J. P. Burridge
clerk. Leg. Assembly.

Dated at Saint Christopher this ninth day of December
in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
sixty eight, and in the thirty second year of Her Majesty's reign