

ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE. OF VERMONT,

AT THE

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No. 192.—AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT
TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF ST.
ALBANS, APPROVED, NOVEMBER 18, 1859,
AND OF THE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS
THEREOF HERETOFORE ENACTED.

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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SEC. 1. That part of the town of St. Albans included within the limits of the fire district in said town, recorded on the town records in said town in volume twenty-second, page seventy-nine, and such part of the town of St. Albans as has been included in said village corporation since November, 1859, shall hereafter be known by the name of the Village of St. Albans; and the inhabitants of said village are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, with the usual powers incident to public corporations, to be known by the Village of St. Albans; and they may alter the bounds of said village with the consent of the person or

ment and control of said aqueduct and for the use of water from the same, and impose such fine, penalty or forfeiture for the breach thereof, not exceeding fifty dollars for any one offense, as may be judged reasonable by said corporation; and any person who shall maliciously corrupt the water of said aqueduct or reservoir, or render it impure, or who shall wilfully destroy or injure any dam or reservoir, aqueduct, pipe or hydrant, or the property held, owned or used by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall pay three times the amount of actual damages to said corporation, to be recovered in an action on the case founded on this statute; and any such person on conviction of either the wilful or malicious acts aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and by imprisonment in the county jail, for the county of Franklin, for a term not exceeding six months.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall have the power to make, establish, alter, amend or repeal ordinances, regulations and by-laws for the following purposes, and to impose penalties for the breach thereof:

1. To establish and regulate a market, and to regulate and license the selling or peddling of meat, fish or other provisions from vehicles about the village, and all moneys paid for such licenses shall belong to the village and be paid into the village treasury.

2. To restrain and prohibit all descriptions of gaming and for the destruction of all instruments and devices used for that purpose.

3. To regulate the exhibitions of common showmen and shows of every kind not interdicted by law, and to regulate, restrain or license itinerant venders and pedlers, and all

moneys received for such licenses shall belong to the village and be paid into the village treasury.

4. To prevent riots, noises, disturbances or disorderly assemblages.

5. To abate and remove nuisances, and to restrain and suppress houses of ill-fame and disorderly houses.

6. To compel the owner or occupant of any unwholesome, noisome or offensive house or place, to remove or cleanse the same from time to time as may be necessary for the health or comfort of the inhabitants of said village.

7. To direct the location and management of all slaughter houses, markets, steam mills, blacksmith shops and sewers.

8. To regulate the manufacture and keeping of gunpowder, ashes and all other dangerous and combustible material.

9. To regulate the making of alterations and repairs of stove pipes, furnaces, fire places and other things from which damage from fire may be apprehended, and also to regulate the use of buildings in crowded localities for hazardous purposes; to provide for the preservation of buildings from fires by precautionary measures and inspections; to regulate the size, height and material of new buildings to be constructed in the village or in certain prescribed localities therein, and to establish and regulate a fire department and fire companies.

10. To prevent immoderate riding or driving in the streets, and cruelty to animals.

11. To regulate the erection of buildings and prevent encumbering the streets, sidewalks and public alleys with fire wood, lumber, carriages, boxes or other things, and