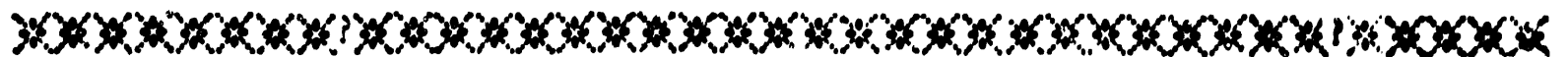


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for the Use of the Poor thereof, and the other Half, with the full Costs of Prosecution, to such Person or Persons as shall sue for and prosecute the same to Effect, before the *Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen* of the said **City**, or any one of them.

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*An ORDINANCE for regulating of MIDWIVES  
in the City of Albany.*

**Section I.** **B**E it ordained by the *Mayor, Aldermen,* and *Commonalty*, of the City of **Albany**, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same; That no Person whatsoever, shall in any Manner whatsoever, use or exercise the Office or Employment of a *Midwife* or *Man-widwife* in the said **City**, until he or she shall, before the *Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen* of said **City**, or any one of them, take the Oath herein after mentioned; which Oath they, or any one of them, have hereby Power to administer, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **You** swear, That you will be diligent, faithful and  
‘ ready, to help every Woman labouring of Child, as well  
‘ the Poor as the Rich, and that, in Time of Necessity,  
‘ you will not forsake or leave one Woman to go to an-  
‘ other. That you will not cause any Woman to name,  
‘ or put, any other Father to the Child, but only him  
‘ who is the true Father thereof. That as often as you  
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‘ shall perceive any Peril or Danger, either in the Woman  
‘ or Child, and you shall be in Doubt; you shall thence-  
‘ forth, in due Time, send for other *Midwives*, or expert  
‘ Women in that *Faculty*, and use their Advice, Counsel,  
‘ and Assistance, in that Behalf.

‘ **You** shall not give any Counsel or administer any  
‘ Herb, Medicine or Potion, or any other Thing, to any  
‘ Woman being with Child, whereby she should kill the  
‘ Child, or miscarry. You shall not enforce any Woman  
‘ being with Child, by any ungodly Ways or Means, to  
‘ give you any more for your Pains and Labour in bring-  
‘ ing her a-bed, than she would otherwise do. You  
‘ shall not consent, agree, give or keep Counsel, that any  
‘ Woman be delivered secretly of a Child, but in the Pre-  
‘ sence of two or three Witnesses.

‘ **If** you shall know any *Midwife* using or doing any  
‘ Thing contrary to any of the Premises, or in any other-  
‘ wise than seemly and convenient, you shall forthwith  
‘ complain thereof, to the *Mayor, Recorder, and Alder-*  
‘ *men*, of the *City of Albany*, for the Time being, or  
‘ any one of them.

‘ **You** shall behave yourself honestly towards *Lying-*  
‘ *in Women* (being lawfully admitted to the Room and  
‘ Office of a *Midwife*) in all Things.

‘ **If** any Woman in Labour, under your Care, shall desire  
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‘ the Advice or Assistance of any other *Midwife*, or *Man-*  
‘ *midwife*, you shall readily consent to the same, and use  
‘ their Advice, Counsel, and Assistance, in that Behalf;  
‘ if, in your Conscience, you think it for the Benefit of  
‘ such Woman in Labour.

‘ You shall not conceal the Birth of any Bastard Child,  
‘ within the *City* of **Albany**, but shall forthwith, upon  
‘ understanding thereof, give Notice of the same to the  
‘ *Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen* of the *City* of **Albany**,  
‘ for the Time being, or any one of them. All which  
‘ Articles and Charges you shall faithfully observe and  
‘ keep. *So help you God.*’

**Sect. II.** *And be it further ordained by the Authority*  
*aforesaid*, That the *Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen*, of  
the *City* of **Albany**, for the Time being, or any one of  
them before whom such Oath shall be taken, shall certi-  
fy the taking of such Oath to the next **Mayor's Court**  
to be recorded.

**Sect. III.** *And be it further ordained by the Authority*  
*aforesaid*, That if any Man or Woman, within the *City*  
of **Albany**, shall, after the Publication hereof, use,  
or exercise, the Office of *Man-midwife* or *Midwife*  
in the *City* of **Albany**, before the Oath before menti-  
oned, hath been duly administred unto him or her as  
aforesaid; such Man or Woman so using, or exercising,  
the Office of a *Man-midwife* or *Midwife* in the said **City**,  
or

for every Default, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of forty Shillings lawful Money of the Province of **New-York**, with Costs; to be recovered before the *Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen*, of the *City* of **Albany**, for the Time being, or any one of them; to be levied by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, and shall be disposed of, one Half to the Overseers of the Poor of the said **City**, for the Time being, for the Use of the Poor thereof, and the other Half to the Person, or Persons, who shall sue for or prosecute the same to Effect.

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*An ORDINANCE prohibiting HAWKERS and PEDLERS in the City of Albany.*

**B**E it ordained by the *Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty*, of the *City* of **Albany**, convened in Common Council, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same, That for the Promotion of Trade and Commerce in the said **City**, no Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, shall be sold by Retail or in Parcel within this **City**, but in Stores, Shops, or Ware-Houses; and that no *Hawkers, or Pedlers*, do carry any Goods, or Merchandizes, for Sale about the Streets of this **City**, or from House to House, (unless to the House of a Merchant or a Trader,) under the Penalty of twenty Shillings current Money of **New-York**, for each Offence; one Half to the Informer, with Costs, and the other Half to the Overseers of the Poor of the said **City**,  
for