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AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the exemptions from service in the Militia of the State, shall be for the same causes, and to the same extent and no farther, than are prescribed in the acts of Congress of the Confederate States, providing for the enrollment of men for the public defence and granting exemptions from the same, commonly called the conscription and exemption acts.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Governor to cause to be enrolled as a guard for home defence all white male persons not already enrolled in the service of the Confederate States, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, resident in this State, including foreigners not naturalized, who have been residents in the State for thirty days before such enrolment, excepting persons filling the offices of Governor, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Law and Equity, the members of the General Assembly and the officers of the several Departments of the Government of the State, Ministers of the Gospel of the several denominations of the State charged with the duties of churches, and such other persons as the Governor, for special reasons, may deem proper subjects of exemption.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all persons above the age of fifty, who may volunteer for service in said guard for home defence, and shall be accepted by a Captain of a company for the same, shall be deemed to belong thereto, and shall be held to service therein, either generally or for any special duty or expedition as the commanding officers of regiments or companies, according to the nature of the particular service in question may determine.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall cause all persons enrolled in pursuance of the two preceding sections of this act to be formed into companies, with liberty to elect the commissioned officers of such companies, and thence into battalions or regiments, brigades and divisions according to his discretion, and he shall appoint the field officers of such battalions, regiments, brigades and divisions, and shall issue commissions in due form to all the officers aforesaid.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That members of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, may be exempted from the provision of this act by paying the sum of one hundred dollars according to an ordinance of the Convention of this State in that behalf, ratified the 12th day of May, 1862. Provided that when a Quaker shall have paid or had levied of his property the sum of five hundred dollars under the act of Congress called the conscription law aforesaid, he shall not be required to pay any sum of money for his exemption under this act.

Sec. 6. That the said guards for home defence may be called out for service by the Governor in defence of the State against invasion and to suppress invasion, either by regiments, battalions, or companies, *en masse*, or by drafts or volunteers from the same, as he, in his discretion may direct; shall be under his command, through the officers appointed as herein provided: shall serve only within the limits of this State, and in terms of duty to be prescribed by the Governor, not exceeding three months at one term. They, or so many of them as may be at any one time called into service, may be organized into infantry, artillery or cavalry as he may direct, and the infantry and artillery may be mounted if he shall so determine, the men furnishing their own horses and accoutrements and arms, when approved by the Governor, on such terms as he shall prescribe.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the Governor may furnish to said troops the arms, accoutrements and ammunition of the State when called as aforesaid into active service, and shall prescribe rules for their return and to prevent the waste, destruction or loss of the same.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That all laws and clauses of laws coming within the meaning and purview of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That the commissions of officers of the Militia, called into service by this act, are suspended only during the period of such service.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from the date of its ratification.
[Ratified the 7th day of July, 1863.]

Amendments to the above Law.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That neither the Governor of this State, nor the officers acting under an act ratified on the 7th day of July, 1863, entitled "An act in relation to the Militia and a Guard for Home Defence," shall call out for drill or muster the persons enrolled under said act, oftener than once a month in company drill, or oftener than twice a year in battalion drill, which battalion drills shall take the place of the company drills for the month in which they are appointed, unless when called into actual service to repel invasion or suppress insurrection, or to execute the laws of the State.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have the power to use the Guards of Home Defence for the purpose of arresting conscripts and deserters; *Provided*, they shall not be ordered upon this duty beyond the limits of the counties in which they reside or the counties adjacent thereto.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in addition to the exemptions contained in the act to which this is an amendment, there shall be exempt County commissioners appointed under an act entitled "An act for the relief of wives and families of soldiers in the army," regular millers, blacksmiths who have established shops, necessary operatives in factories and foundries, the Attorney General, Solicitors of the several circuits and counties, physicians of five years' practice, contractors with the State or Confederate government, one editor to each newspaper and the necessary compositors, mail carriers, professors in colleges and teachers in academies; *Provided*, that this exemption shall only apply to the drills specified in this bill and not to service when the Guard for Home Defence is called into the field.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That for failure to attend the battalion or regimental drill, each field officer shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars; each Captain and other officers who shall fail to muster and drill their companies at the times appointed, shall forfeit and pay for each failure fifty dollars, and if a non-commissioned officer or private shall fail to attend at any drill, he shall forfeit and pay not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars; *Provided*, that every absentee shall be allowed until the next muster to make his excuse. The fines shall be adjudged by regimental and company courts-martial, and judgments are to be entered up and the fines collected in the same mode and in accordance with the provisions of the Militia Law of North

Carolina, passed at the second extra session of the General Assembly, 1861.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Surgeon General by and with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint surgical boards, not exceeding three, composed of two physicians each, who shall declare by their certificates those persons who shall be exempt from service under the act to which this is an amendment, on account of mental or physical disability, and they shall receive the pay of their rank and traveling expenses, to be determined by the Adjutant-General.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Guard for home defence, should they be called into service by the Governor, shall receive the same pay, rations and allowances as soldiers in the Confederate States' service, and shall be subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate States.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That when the pressure of public danger shall not prevent the observance of such a rule, the said Guard for home defence shall not be called into service *en masse*, but by drafts of a number of men from each convenient company, so as to make up the aggregate force required.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification. Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this the 14th day of December, A. D., 1863.

\$100 REWARD.

Ranaway about the 1st May last, a negro girl named JANE, belonging to the estate of A. A. Coffey, dec'd. Said negro is 15 or 16 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, very dark. She has very large feet, toes turned out much more than common. It is supposed that she is in the neighborhood of Charlotte, N. C., and is passing herself as free. I will pay one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery of said negro to me, or if lodged in any Jail so that I can get her.

R. C. POTTS, Admr.
Pleasant Valley, Lancaster Dist., S. C.
Feb 2, 1864 3mpd

For Sale to close Consignment,

3,000 yards choice patterns Alamance Checks,
13,000 pounds Smoking Tobacco, packages from one to six pounds. Present currency (one hundred dollar bills) preferred in payment.
Also, farmers' Iron and Virginia Salt, to be exchanged for Corn. Terms liberal.

March 8, 1864

DR. J. M. MILLER, Charlotte, N. C.,

Can be found at his Office next door to Hutchison's Drug Store, opposite the Democrat Office.
Jan. 12, 1864.

NOTICE.

The firm of WILLIAMS, OATES & CO., is this day (Jan. 1st, 1864) dissolved by mutual consent. All persons interested will call and close their accounts with either of the undersigned.

L. S. WILLIAMS,
L. W. SANDERS.

January 12, 1864

SALT FOR SALE.

We have on consignment 2,000 bushels SALT in store and to arrive, from the celebrated "Clausen Works," Charleston. Equal in quality to any imported. Parties wishing a supply will do well to call on the undersigned before purchasing elsewhere.

July 6th, 1863

CARRIAGE and WAGON WORK,



And Blacksmithing.

The subscriber informs the public that he will continue to carry on the business of Repairing Carriages, Buggies, Wagons, &c., at the shop formerly occupied by John Hart, on College street, in the rear of the Mansion House.

He is also prepared to do any Blacksmith work that may be required, such as Shoeing Horses, repairing, &c.

January 12, 1864

CHARLES WILSON.

COTTON CARDS AND SHOES.

Cotton Cards for sale, but an early call will only secure a pair as we only have ten-pair.

We have on hand and can make to order calf-skin Shoes and Gaiters of very fine English leather.
Lots Ladies' calf-skin Bootes.
Lot of thick Hogans, large sizes.

June 23, 1863

J. F. BUTT, Mint Street,
Charlotte, N. C.

ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE of Messengers OF THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY At Charlotte Office, Daily.

ARRIVES.

From Char. & S. C. Railroad 7 30 A. M. and 9 P. M.
" N. C. Railroad 6 20 " and 9 25 "
" A. T. & O. Railroad 9 00 "
" Wil., C. & R. Railroad 3 15 P. M.

DEPARTS.

For N. O. Railroad 6 20 A. M. and 2 00 P. M.
" Char. & S. C. Railroad 10 00 " and 4 30 "
" Wil., C. & R. Railroad 7 30 "
" A. T. & O. Railroad 4 00 P. M.

It is desired that all Parcels, Packages or Freight to be forwarded by either of the above Trains, be sent to this Office ONE HOUR previous to its departure.

Charlotte, Sept. 7, 1863.

T. D. GILLESPIE, Agent.

EXPRESS NOTICE.

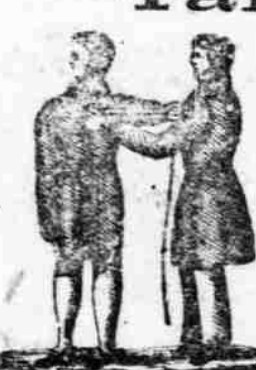
OFFICE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY,
Charlotte, Sept. 24, 1863.

In order to avoid misunderstanding and to make our charges conform to the liability assumed, this Company hereby gives notice that from and after October 1st, 1863, shippers will be required to place their valuation upon each package before it will be received. Such valuation will be inserted in the Company's receipt, and establish the liability of the Company for the amount. The act of God and the public enemy only excepted.

Sept 28, 1863

T. D. GILLESPIE, Agent.

Tailoring.



JOHN VOGEL, Practical Tailor, respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he is prepared to manufacture gentlemen's clothing in the latest style and at short notice. His best exertions will be given to render satisfaction to those who patronize him. Shop opposite Kerr's Hotel, next door to Brown & Stitt's store.
Jan. 1, 1863.

CONCORD FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution, located at Statesville, N. C., is open. The Faculty is composed of teachers with a living energy for their work. They expect because they intend to merit it. Large additions have recently made to the Apparatus and Library.
The price of board is \$85 per month. Each lady will furnish her own lights and towels, and sheets and pillow-cases.

Letters of inquiry will be promptly answered dressed to J. M. M. CALDWELL, President.
March 21, 1864 3t-pd

To the Friends of the Soldiers (far out the Confederacy.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
RAILROAD BUREAU, Richmond, Feb. 20, 1864.

The friends and relatives of soldiers in the Northern Virginia are hereby notified that an arrangement has this day been effected with the Southern Express Company, to carry all packages of food and clothing apparel to Richmond, Va.

To secure the advantages thus obtained through the Express Company, the following instructions are observed:

Packages must not contain more than one hundred pounds; be well secured, and plainly marked, and at the expense of the shipper to either of the Southern Relief Associations, which are located as follows:

In North Carolina, at Raleigh; in South Carolina, at Columbia; in Georgia, at Augusta; in Alabama, at Montgomery; or to any other point at which these Associations have an office.

The Agents of these Associations will thereupon charge of them, and ship daily, by Southern Express Company, to the proper Agents of the respective States at Richmond, who will see them distributed to proper individual owners.

To meet the wishes of the soldiers, and to give them a certain and speedy communication with home, the Southern Express Company has agreed to give the freight preference over everything else; and, in order that no obstacle may occur to the success of so laudable an enterprise, the several Railroad Companies are hereby requested to render the Express Company such facilities as will enable it to make this arrangement complete success.

As the Southern Express Company assumes all responsibility of the transportation of these packages, the Relief Associations are requested to withdraw their Agents who have heretofore acted as travelling messengers. If the relief Associations will establish agencies in the rear of other armies, they may enjoy the same privileges hereby secured to the Army of Northern Virginia.

F. W. SIMS,
Approved, Lient. Col. and Quartermaster General.
A. R. LAWTON, Quartermaster General.

OFFICE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY,
Augusta, Ga., Feb 20, 1864.

The Southern Express Company hereby notify friends and relatives of Soldiers in the Army of Northern Virginia and elsewhere, that they are prepared to carry out arrangements as announced in the above card, and that they will do all in their power to fulfill their requirements.

JAMES SHUTER,
Gen'l Supt. & Acting Pres't, So. Exp. Co.
March 15, 1864 5t

State of N. Carolina—Cabarrus County.

Superior Court of Law, Fall Term, 1863.

William A. Smith vs. William Furr.

Original Attachment—Levied on one Horse and on two-horse Wagon.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William Furr, the defendant in this case, has absconded and so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Western Democrat, notifying the said Wm Furr to be and appear at the Court House in Concord, on the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in February, 1864, when and where he can plead, reply or demur, or judgment pro confesso will be taken against him.

Witness, J. O. Wallace, Clerk of our Superior Court, at office in Concord, the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in August, 1863.
[pr adv \$15] 10-6t J. O. WALLACE, Clk.

State of N. Carolina—Cabarrus County.

Superior Court of Law, Fall Term, 1863.

William R. Corbet vs. William Furr.

Original Attachment—Levied on one Horse and one two-horse Wagon.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William Furr, the defendant in this case, has absconded and so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made for six weeks successively in the Western Democrat, notifying the said Wm Furr to be and appear at the Court House in Concord, on the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in February, 1864, when and where he can plead, reply or demur, or judgment pro confesso will be taken against him.

Witness, J. O. Wallace, Clerk of our Superior Court, at office in Concord, the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in August, 1863.
[pr adv \$15] 10-6t J. O. WALLACE, Clk.

State of N. Carolina—Mecklenburg Co.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Jan Term, 1864.

H D Stowe, adm'r of Harbert Stowe, dec'd, vs. Wm H Nicholson and wife M. H., and others.

Petition for Settlement of the Estate of Harbert Stowe, deceased.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Wm H Nicholson and wife M. H., defendants in this case, reside beyond the limits of this State: It is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published in the town of Charlotte, notifying said defendant to be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for said county at the Court House in Charlotte, on the 2d Monday in April next, and plead, answer or demur to this petition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken and the same heard exparte as to him.

Witness, Wm. Maxwell, Clerk of our said Court at office, in Charlotte, the 2d Monday in January, 1864.
Feb 23 WM. MAXWELL, Clerk.

State of N. Carolina—Catawba County.

In Equity to Spring Term, 1864.

INJUNCTION.

Electus Connor vs. Wm. Long and Columbus Connor.

In this case it appearing from the oath of Electus Connor that Columbus Connor is not an inhabitant of this State, publication is therefore made (in accordance with an act of the Legislature) in the Western Democrat, published at Charlotte, for six weeks, for the said Columbus Connor to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Law and Equity to be held at the court house in Newton, on the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday in March next, then and there to plead, answer or demur, or judgment pro confesso will be taken as to him.

Witness, O. Campbell, Clerk and Master at office, the 4th Monday after the 4th Monday in October, 1863.
[pr adv \$15.] O. CAMPBELL, C. M. E.

GARRET DAVIS.

This fine Horse can be found at my stable in this place, during the present season, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and at the stables of W. T. Stitt, in Providence, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Terms, sixty dollars insurance.

March 1, 1864 pd R. RABE.

BLANK DEEDS, Warrants, Ejectments, &c., for sale at this Office.