

FEES OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

An Act concerning the Fees of Clerks of Superior Courts, Sheriffs, Registers of Deeds, Solicitors, Coroners, Constables, Justices of the Peace and Jurors.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact as follows:

Section 1. Fees of Officers, by whom and how payable: The several officers hereinafter named, shall receive the fees hereinafter prescribed for them respectively, from the persons for whom, or at whose instance, the service shall be performed, except persons suing as paupers; and no officer shall be compelled to perform any service, unless his fee be paid or tendered.

Section 2. Copy sheet defined: A copy sheet shall consist of one hundred words.

Section 3. Fees on returns to Secretary of State: All officers required by law to make returns to the Secretary of State, shall receive for such returns five cents per copy sheet, to be audited on the certificate of the Secretary of State, and paid as other claims against the State are required to be.

Section 4. Officers to make returns of Fees: Every officer authorized to receive fees, shall, during the first week in September in every year, report to the Secretary of State, according to a form to be prepared and furnished by him, a sworn statement of all fees received, or which might have been received by him, during the year next preceding the first day of September exclusive.

Section 5. Clerks to furnish blank writs: Clerks of Courts shall furnish to parties printed copies of the formal parts of all writs required to be issued by them, with convenient blank spaces for the insertion of written matter, and also the blank forms of such bonds as are required to be taken by them.

Section 6. Fees of Solicitor: The Solicitor shall receive no fees, except in case of judgment rendered against the accused; unless in cases where, upon conviction, the punishment might have been capital or confinement in the penitentiary at hard labor for six months or upwards, and the Judge before whom the action was tried, shall certify immediately after the trial that there was probable ground for the prosecution, and that the case has been conducted fairly and with due diligence.

Section 7. Who to pay costs in criminal actions: If a defendant be acquitted, or judgment against him arrested, the costs, including the fees of all witnesses summoned and actually examined for the accused, whom the Judge, before whom the trial took place, shall certify to have been proper for his defence, shall be paid by the prosecutor, if any be marked on the bill, unless the Judge shall certify that there was reasonable ground for the prosecution, and that it was required by the public interest.

Section 8. Half fees if caveat incident: The costs in criminal actions shall in all cases be paid by the person convicted, if he be able; but if he be not able, the County where the bill was found shall pay the costs of the prosecution only; and in that case the public officers shall receive only half the fees otherwise allowed.

Section 9. How fees of officers received: If any officer to whom fees are payable by any person shall fail to receive them at the time the service is performed, he may have judgment therefor on motion to the court in which the action is or was pending upon twenty days' notice to the person to be charged at any time within one year after the determination of the action in which the same was performed.

21. Issuing subpoena for witnesses, each name, ten cents.

22. Swearing a witness, five cents.

23. Copy of any record or writing in his office, per copy sheet, ten cents.

24. Probate or acknowledgment of a deed or writing of any sort authorized to be proved, [except where the private examination of a married woman is taken,] for each grantor therein, fifty cents.

25. Probate or acknowledgment of deed or other writing, and taking private examination of a married woman, with certificate thereof, one dollar.

26. Probate of a will in common form, with certificate and issuing letters testamentary, one dollar.

27. Recording will, return or report of executor, administrator, guardian or other trustee required to be recorded, per copy sheet, ten cents.

28. Grant of letters of administration of any sort, and taking bond of administration, one dollar.

29. Every notice required to be issued by clerk, ten cents.

30. Grant of guardianship, including taking of bond for each minor, fifty cents.

31. Apprenticing infant, including indenture, fifty cents.

32. Entering caveat on contested will, twenty cents.

33. Recording articles of agreement of proposed corporation, including all services, two dollars.

34. Issuing commission of any sort, fifty cents.

35. Entering return to commission and order for registration of deed, ten cents.

36. Auditing account of executor, administrator, guardian, or other trustee, required to return accounts, one per cent on the net amount returned, if not over three hundred dollars, three-fourths of one per cent if over three hundred and not over one thousand dollars; one-half of one per cent if over one thousand and not over twenty thousand dollars; one-sixth of one per cent if over twenty thousand dollars.

37. Issuing of marriage license and making the record, required thereof, fifty cents.

38. Entry of birth or death when required to be made, five cents.

the county Commissioners, including subpoenas for witnesses; for each name, fifteen cents.

5. Recording each order of Commissioners if not over one copy sheet, twenty cents.

6. If over one copy sheet, for every one over, three cents.

7. Making out tax list, for each name on each copy required to be made, three cents.

8. On every conviction for murder, twenty dollars.

9. On every conviction where by law the punishment may be hard labor in a penitentiary for one year or over, ten dollars.

10. On conviction on any other indictment, four dollars.

11. On final judgment against a defaulting witness or juror where no issue is joined, two dollars.

12. On such a judgment when contested, four dollars.

13. Judgment on undertaking of bail or recognizance, if untested, two dollars.

14. On the same if contested, four dollars.

15. On application to renew bond to keep the peace, if granted, one dollar.

16. On an issue in bastardy—found against the putative father, four dollars.

17. Coroner shall receive the same fees as are or shall be allowed sheriffs in similar cases.

18. For holding an inquest over a dead body, including the summoning the jury and returning the verdict—if finished in one day, ten dollars.

19. For every additional day occupied in the investigation of the case, five dollars.

20. For summoning each witness on inquest, fifteen cents.

21. For burying a pauper over whom an inquest has been held, to be paid by the county.

Letter from Gen. Blair. The Raleigh Standard intersperses through the paper, between almost every article, an imaginary quotation from the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, as follows: "Let us have war—Gen. Blair."

North Carolina News. Judge Brooks of the U. S. Dist. Court, rendered a rather important decision during the recent session of the Court at Asheville. We clip from the News:

Two highly respectable gentlemen were under indictment for perjury, in taking the oath for registered voters, after having been Justices of the Peace before and during the war.

Fort Sanders, Wyoming Territory. August 18, 1868. Dear Col. Alston, Atlanta, Ga.: I have received your note in regard to the misrepresentations of the carpet-bag editor at Atlanta.

Card from General Rosecrans. The following card appeared in the Washington Chronicle of last week:

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Registration in North Carolina. Every man in North Carolina, 21 years of age, black, white or mixed, who was born in the United States, or who has been naturalized, and who shall have been a resident in this State twelve months preceding the election, and thirty days in the county in which he offers to vote, is now entitled to register in October next, and to vote, on the third day of November next for Presidential Electors and a member of Congress for his District.

The registration will begin in October—the precise day we do not now recollect, but we will inform our readers as soon as we ascertain. By its terms, every man, who comes under the above description, will be allowed to register, by taking an oath or affirmation "to support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and the Constitution and Laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith."

Of course every law-abiding citizen will be willing to do this. No one will be allowed to vote, who does not register. Let the people remember this and act accordingly.

No man is now prevented from voting in North Carolina by the Reconstruction Acts, or any other laws. The Howard amendment disfranchises those named from holding office, but not from voting.

The Bankrupt Law. The Fifty Per Cent clause in the Bankrupt Law has been suspended till January 1st, 1869, so that all insolvent persons owing over \$300 may take the benefit of the law, as at first, without reference to the value of their estates.

The undersigned will keep constantly on hand all the necessary blanks, forms, &c., and one or both of them may always be found during business hours at their office in Charlotte.

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Wilm., Char. & Ruth. Railroad. The Regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad Company will be held in this place, on Thursday, October 22d, 1868.

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