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Legislature of North Carolina.

CAPTIONS.

List of Acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed at the session of 1848.

PUBLIC ACTS.

1. An act directing the laying out a road from Milton, in Caswell County, to a point in the South Carolina line, in the direction to Augusta in Georgia.
[Thos. G. Polk, Charles Fisher and Bedford Brown are appointed commissioners to survey and mark the line.]

2. An act to change the compensation of the Attorney General, solicitor General, and the solicitors of state in the Superior Courts for their services in said Courts.
[Repeals the law allowing \$20 per Court, and allows \$10 for all convictions of Felony and \$5 for all convictions of misdemeanor to be paid by the party convicted.]

3. An act to extend the time for the registration of grants, leases, conveyances, Powers of Attorney, Bills of sale, and deeds of Gift.
[Allows two years within which to be registered.]

4. An act concerning the trial of slaves in capital cases.
[Allows them the right, by counsel, of challenging Jurors.]

5. An act to amend the act passed in 1816, entitled an act concerning the navigation of Tar river.
[Revises the act of 1816, and appoints that books shall be opened on the 1st of April and continue open till the 1st of June, under the direction of James Hill, Wm. Moore, John J. Inge, John D. Hawkins and Nathan Perry. Returns to be made to Lenoir.]

6. An act to vest in the Superior Courts of this state, the exclusive power of emancipating slaves. [The caption describes completely the purpose of the bill.]

7. To amend the second section of an act passed at the last session, entitled an act to revise and amend the laws respecting Wrecks and wreck property in this state.
[Repeals part of the second section of said act, and divides the County of Carteret into four districts.]

8. Concerning the Supreme Court.
[Provides that three district Judges shall be appointed, with a salary of twenty five hundred per year, to sit in the city of Raleigh twice a year, to whom all appeals on questions of law and equity, from the Superior Courts, are to be made.]

9. To alter the times of holding the Superior Courts of law and Equity in the first Judicial Circuit. [The circuit commences at Tyrrell on the first Monday in March and September, and ends at Currituck on the sixth Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September, reversing the former order.]

10. To amend an act passed in 1794, entitled an act for regulating weights and measures.
[Weights and measures to be tried every May by the standard keepers.]

11. To amend an act, passed in 1816, entitled an act to compel retailers of spirituous liquors by the small measure, to take a license from the County Court, and for other purposes.
[Makes it the duty of the Clerks to furnish the prosecuting officers with a list of persons who have obtained licenses to retail spirituous liquors, to aid the Grand Jury, &c.]

12. An act in addition to the acts concerning public roads.
[Permits overseers of roads to use the adjoining earth, if necessary, to make causeways.]

13. An act to alter the times of holding the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in the Counties of Carteret, and Craven, and to extend the time for holding the Superior Court of Greene.

14. An act laying duties on sales at auction of Merchandise.
[Lays a duty of two and a half per cent. on the amount of goods sold at auction, not including sales by order of courts, Executors sales, &c. county courts to appoint not more than three auctioneers to a county.]

15. Fixing the sum hereafter to be paid to the State for vacant lands.
[Ten cents per acre is the price now fixed, instead of five.]

16. To repeal so much of the 4th section of an act passed in 1814, concerning divorce and alimony, as requires the interference of the Legislature to ratify the judgment, sentence or decree of the Superior courts. [The Judgment of the superior court shall hereafter be conclusive.]

17. Concerning constables.
[All constables shall hereafter give bond in two thousand dollars for the faithful performance of their trust.]

18. To extend the Fayetteville road from Morganton to the Tennessee line.

19. Directing the manner of taking and certifying affidavits in certain cases.
[The different clerks authorized to take and

certify affidavits and affix the seal—clerks for 40 cents. Repeals the act of 1794.)

20. To amend an act passed in 1812, entitled an act relative to the power of courts of Equity in cases of partition, and for other purposes.

21. To prevent Negro Slaves from selling spirituous Liquors. (Penalty, on conviction, 20 lashes.)

22. To confirm an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled an act authorizing the Disical Swamp Canal Company to open a navigable communication between the Canal and the nearest navigable part of the North West river. [The title sufficiently explains the bill.]

23. To amend an act passed in the year 1816, entitled an act for removing logs, shoals, and other impediments in Tar river, below the town of Washington, and for other purposes. [Each registered vessel entering or departing, above 60 tons, to pay eight cents per ton, and upon each ton above fifty, if not registered, the sum of two cents, to go into operation as soon as the consent of congress shall be obtained.]

24. An act granting further time to perfect titles to lands within this State.
[This act extends to the 1st day of Jan 1831, the time for perfecting titles to all entries of vacant lands made within this state, and entered since the year 1810, and upon which the purchase money shall be or may have been paid in due time.]

25. An act to raise a revenue for the year 1849, imposes a tax of \$10 on each slave brought through the state.—The same tax on lands as last year, and provides that the person appointed by the court to take a list of taxes shall be sworn to do justice between the parties & the state.—In case of appeal by the aggrieved a board of three auditors are to be appointed to determine to be allowed \$2 per day.—Billiard table tax \$100.—Pedlars \$20. Other taxes are as last year.

26. An act supplemental to the act concerning the supreme court. [Contemplates the appointment of a reporter with a salary of \$500.]

27. An act to authorize the county courts of this state to direct the sheriffs to sell any slave that may be taken up and confined in any jail as a runaway after a certain length of confinement and public notice. [To be sold after 12 months imprisonment and due notice given.]

28. For opening a communication between Roanoke and Pamlico Rivers. [The capital proposed to effect this object is \$100,000; of which the State is to take five thousand dollars.]

29. To repeal the second section of an act passed in 1816, making it the duty of Sheriffs to serve notices of the Clerks of Courts and Clerks and Masters in Equity, to parties concerned, to attend on the days of reference, to making up of reports, and for other purposes. [The allowance of mileage is done away, and the same fees allowed as for arrests.]

30. To regulate the inspection of Staves. [Prohibiting any but free white persons from being inspectors.]

31. To incorporate a company to improve, clean out, and render navigable, Tranter's Creek, from its source to its junction with Ford Swamp.

32. To authorize county courts in this state to direct the Sheriffs to sell any slaves who may be taken up as runaways and confined in jail, after a certain length of imprisonment, and of public notice.

33. To amend and explain the laws relative to insolvent debtors. [This act provides that where a debtor has been within prison bounds, and wishes to take the benefit of the insolvent act, he may go to prison for the length of time prescribed by law to enable him to do so.]

34. To amend an act passed in 1816 for opening a communication between the Yadkin and Cape Fear rivers. [This act appoints commissioners for receiving subscriptions.]

35. To authorize the cutting of a canal from the waters of Currituck Sound to North river, in Currituck county.

PRIVATE ACTS.

1. An act to increase the Constables fees in certain counties therein mentioned.
[The counties of Bertie, Brunswick Northampton, New Hanover, Cumberland, Onslow, Washington, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Sampson, Anson, Chowan, Jones, Granville, Greene, Perquimans, Stokes, Johnson, Rowan, Richmond, and Robeson, are included—allows 50 cents for serving a warrant and \$4 for each day's attendance on Court.]

2. An act more effectually to prevent obstructions to the passage of Fish up the river—Roanoke and its waters.

3. An act prescribing the duty of the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of the County of Brunswick, relative to their laying the County tax, and directing the time when the same shall be collected and accounted for by the Sheriff.

4. An act to establish a seminary of learning on the lands of John Martin in the County of Wake, by the name of Forest Hill Academy.

5. An act to authorize James Seawell and his associates to build a Bridge across the Cape Fear river near Fayetteville.

6. An act to empower John Wilfang, George Wilfang and John Fry, of Lincoln County, to erect and keep up two gates across the public road lately laid out and opened from Morganton to Fayetteville.

7. An act to regulate the cooperage of Flour in the town of Fayetteville.

8. For the sale of the Commons in the town of Halifax.

9. To establish an Academy in the town of

Haywood, Chatham County, and to incorporate the trustees thereof.

10. To establish the town of New Salem, on the lands of Benjamin Morrison, on the East side of Deep river in Randolph County.

11. An act to amend an act passed in the year 1816, entitled "an act for the government of Elizabeth city, and for other purposes."

12. An act for the Government of the town of Milton, to extend the boundaries thereof and for other purposes.

13. An act to revise and amend an act, passed in the year 1837, entitled "an act to revise and amend the laws heretofore passed, for the town of Smithville, so far as respects the appointment of Commissioners," and to repeal the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th sections of an act, entitled "an act respecting the academy, and town of Smithville in Brunswick county."

14. An act to repeal part of an act passed in 1836, entitled an act relative to the county Courts of Stokes and Surry.

15. An act to amend an act passed in the year 1813, to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Pungo river in Hyde County, to the town of Plymouth in Washington.

16. To authorize the Wardens of the poor to build a poor House in the County of Beaufort to regulate the keeping of the same, and for other purposes.—

17. An act to emancipate Tillah Sears, and her two children, Patsy Sears, and Polly Sears.—

18. An act to establish the Rates of Toll for the Yadkin Toll Bridge Company.

19. An act to establish a poor and work House in the county of Camden and for other purposes.

20. An act to amend an act passed in the year 1815, entitled an act to appoint Commissioners to fix on a situation and Central place in the county of Nash for erecting the Court House and other public buildings, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

21. An act to authorize Joseph Nelson, and others to build a bridge across Dawson's Creek, in the County of Craven.

22. An act to elect a magistrate for the town of Wilmington, and other purposes.

23. An act securing to James Seawell, and his associates the right of navigating the waters of Cape Fear River between the town of Fayetteville and Wilmington.

24. An act to erect a poor house in the county of Rowan in Pasquotank County and for other purposes.

25. An act to confirm the Judgments of the Superior Courts of law of the County of Richmond and Gates, divorcing Jane B. Robinson, wife of Wm. D. Robinson, and James Hoffer and wife Deborah, from the bonds of matrimony.

26. An act to establish poor houses in the Counties of Johnston, Stokes and Brunswick.

27. To incorporate the Clinton Toll bridge Company, and to appoint Commissioners for the same.

28. An act to authorize the County Court of Chatham to lay a tax for the purpose of building a new jail in said County.

29. An act to establish a separate election in every Captain's District in the County of Nash.

30. To establish Wayne academy.

31. An act authorizing the cutting a canal from the waters of Currituck sound to north river in Currituck County.

32. An act authorizing the Commissioners of the town of Fayetteville to raise money for opening and completing part of the road from Fayetteville to Morganton, and for other purposes.

33. To incorporate the trustees of the Milton Female Academy.

34. To regulate the fisheries on Beppernong river, Little Alligator Creek, Great Alligator river, and the waters thereof, in Tyrrell County.

35. To incorporate the town of Clinton, and to appoint Commissioners for the said.

36. To amend an act passed in 1800, to regulate the town of Haywood and for other purposes.

37. To revise an act empowering Dolphin Davis to receive Storage on Tobacco inspected and deposited in his warehouse in lower Fayetteville.

38. An act to establish a town in the County of Montgomery at or near the mouth of Clark, on the lands of S. as Billingsby, Secur.

39. An act to empower the County Court of Montgomery to contract for free ferries on public days.

40. To authorize a certain number of Justices of the County of Warren to appropriate the County monies.

41. An act concerning the navigation of Broad river.

42. An act to authorize the Commissioners therein named to lay off into lots, and dispose of the town Commons adjoining the town of Greenborough and for other purposes.

43. An act to direct the mode by which the Cavalry of the county of Lincoln and Rutherford, shall in future be reviewed.

44. To establish a turnpike road from Matamoras Lake to the main public Road on the east side of Pungo river, not more than one mile south of Woodstock creek in Hyde county.

45. An act to regulate the Town of Leaksville in Rockingham county, and for other purposes.

46. An act to establish an academy in the town of Ashville, in the county of Buncombe, and to establish an Academy in the county of Surry.

47. To incorporate the Leaksville Toll Bridge Company and for other purposes.

48. Appointing certain commissioners to sell certain lots and the town commons in the town of Morganton.

49. Respecting the courts held in the county of Rowan. (Establishes a court of prostrate at Lexington.)

50. To establish a poor house in the county of Rowan.

51. To authorize the sale of town commons of the town of Trenton, in Jones county, and to establish an academy in the said county.

52. For the regulation of the town of Laurenceville in Montgomery county.

53. To authorize the wardens of the poor of Beaufort county to build a poor house and to regulate the same, and for other purposes.

54. An act to incorporate the town of Hamptonville, and for other purposes.

55. An act to authorize Wm. B. Alexander of Mecklenburg county, and Noble Hamilton of Rutherford county, to erect Gates at the places therein mentioned.

56. An act for the government of the town of Plymouth, and for other purposes.

57. An act to alter the times of holding the courts of pleas and quarter sessions of Richmond county, and for other purposes.

58. An act concerning the Fayetteville academy.

59. An act to amend an act passed in 1817, entitled an act to appoint commissioners to run and establish the dividing line between the counties of Franklin and Nash.

60. An act to appoint commissioners for the town of Pittsborough in Chatham county, and for other purposes.

61. An act to establish a town on the lands of John and James Fermenter in the county of Anson.

62. To establish a seminary of learning on the lands of James Hilliard, in the county of Nash, the year 1813, entitled an act to incorporate a company to be called the Clubfoot and Harlows creek canal company.

63. An act concerning the town of Oxford.

64. An act to authorize the commissioners of the town of Kinston in Lenoir county, to purchase a site for building a church, and for other purposes.

65. An act for the incorporation of the town of Jackson and the government thereof.

66. An act making compensation to jurors of the County and Superior Courts of Person, and to compel the Justices of said County to lay a tax for that purpose.

67. An act authorizing certain persons therein named to build a toll bridge across the N. E. Branch of Cape Fear.

68. To amend an act passed at the last session of the general assembly authorizing the county courts of Wilkes and Brunswick to appoint a committee of finance.

69. An act to amend the Laws respecting the town of Newbern.

70. An act to establish poor houses in the counties of Edgecomb, Martin, & Washington.

71. An act to prevent persons from a streeting the passage of Fish up Mitchell's River in the County of Surry.

72. An act to appoint commissioners for the Town of Snow Hill in Green County.

73. An act to establish separate elections in the County of Perquimans, &c.

74. An act authorizing the field officers of the Montgomery and Richmond Regiment of Infantry to change the place of their Regimental and Battalion musters.

75. An act to authorize the running and marking the dividing line between the counties of Richmond and Robe on.

76. An act to carry into effect an act passed in the year 1793, entitled an act to add a part of Burke and Wilkes counties to the county of Iredell.

77. An act concerning the town of Salisbury.

78. An act to authorize the county court of Sampson to appoint commissioners to lay off a town on the public lands in said county.

79. An act to amend an act passed in the year 1816, entitled an act to establish an academy in the county of Martin.

80. To appoint commissioners to review the situation of the Charleston road where it crosses the Kings Mountain and for other purposes.

81. To authorize the courts of pleas and quarter sessions of Craven and Cumberland counties to appoint special justices of the peace and making compensation to such justices for services.

82. To regulate the inspection of Staves, and for other purposes.

83. To alter the mode of elections in Tyrrell County.

84. To incorporate a company to improve, clean out, and render navigable Frontes creek, from its source to its junction with Ford Swamp.

85. To establish a female academy in the