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## THE LEGISLATURE.

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### Capitulation of Acts of the late Legislature of N. C.

#### PUBLIC ACTS.

1. To provide for a division of negroes and other chattel property held in common. [Authorizes the County Courts upon petition of one or more of the parties, to divide or make sale, if by the Court deemed best, of the property so held in common.]

2. Vesting in the Superior and County Courts, jurisdiction of litigation for the legitimating of Bastard children. [Provides that it shall be done by petition in writing made by the putative father and a decree to be made by the Court when said putative father and the mother shall be intermarried.]

3. Concerning the places where Company Meetings shall be held. [Provides that such places shall be selected by a majority of the company.]

4. Concerning the Commissioners of Public Works. [Directs the Treasurer of every incorporated company in which the State is interested, to report annually to the Assembly of the State a full and correct statement of their affairs.]

5. To amend and improve the Hickory Nut Gap Road. [Appropriates twelve hundred dollars for that purpose.]

6. To vest the right of electing Sheriffs in the several counties within the State, in the free white men thereof. [Provides that the first election shall take place in August next, at the usual places, in each county of holding elections for members of the Assembly, under the same rules, except that the returns shall be made to the clerk of the County Court, County Court to appoint inspectors, and the person having the highest number of votes declared elected. In case of a tie or inability to give security or refused to act, a majority of the Justices being present shall elect the person to act as Sheriff.—The election to take place every two years—no one eligible, unless he is 21 years of age, has resided in the county where he is chosen 12 months immediately preceding, and owns a freehold of one hundred acres of land.]

7. To amend an act passed in 1828, to amend the law regulating the inspection of Flour in the town of Fayetteville. [Provides for the appointment of an additional Inspector.]

8. Concerning the cross canal leading from the Great Swamp Canal, near the head of the woods in Camden county. [Extends the time for the completion of the canal to ten years.]

9. To prevent frauds in Deeds of Trust and Mortgages. [Titles to pass under them only from the presence of registration and authorizes the clerks of the County Courts to take probates out of Term time.]

10. Amendatory of the laws now in force for the suppression of counterfeiting—concerning bank notes of the United States or any of its branches. [Imposes whipping, imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the court.]

11. For the relief of certain purchasers of the Cherokee Lands. [Provides that the interests of the holders of such purchasers shall be reunited or satisfactory evidence to the Treasurer that the lands purchased have been interfered with by Indian reservations.]

12. To exempt the members of Fire companies, within this State, from militia duty.

13. To amend the Militia Law of this State, so far as respects the Uniform companies of Light Infantry, Riflemen, Artillery and Grenadiers. [Authorizes the forming of one company of Riflemen, Grenadiers and Artillery in each Brigade.]

14. An act concerning the Buncombe Turnpike road. [Authorizes the election of officers and directs the right to alter the direction of said road.]

15. An act to amend the 10th section of an act passed in 1819, prescribing the mode of surveying and settling the lands lately acquired by treaty, from the Cherokee Indians.

16. To incorporate the Lake Drummond and Carolina Canal Company. [Authorizes a corporation to be formed for said Canal and provide for the imposition of tolls.]

17. Amendatory of the law respecting the crime of Bigamy. [Alters the punishment for Bigamy, on death to imprisonment, branding and whipping.]

18. To provide for the payment of Jurors in the counties of Rowan, Wake, Duplin, Montgomery, Granville, Sampson, Bertie and Stokes and for other purposes. [Provides that the Sheriff shall receive jury tickets in payment of taxes at par value, and that neither the Sheriff nor county Trustee shall take for the same at less than par value.]

19. To amend the 3d section of an act passed in 310, relative to the passage of fish up the Pee Dee and Yaikin Rivers. [Imposes a penalty of \$25 on the Commissioners for neglect of duty.]

20. An act fixing the true construction of the terms liquidated accounts, contained in the act of 1820, extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. [Provides that the words liquidated accounts used in said act, shall be so construed as to comprehend only such accounts and balances of accounts settled as are stated in writing, and signed by the party from whom the same shall be owing.]

21. Amending the act of 1827, prescribing upon what evidence the Public Treasurer shall receive the purchase money for vacant and unappropriated lands.—[Provides that the Secretary of State shall issue grants for vacant lands upon a certificate taken from the copy of entry books returned to his office, in the same manner as he now does from warrants and surveys.]

22. Authorizing the Board of Internal Improvement to contract for the reopening Carrick Inlet. [Directs that an examination shall be made by the Board of Internal Improvement to ascertain the practicability of reopening said Inlet, and if so, the sum of 2,000 dollars is appropriated for that purpose.]

23. Directing the removal of certain papers from the office of the Treasurer to that of the Secretary of State. [Provides for the removal of the papers relative to the Viceroy's lands.]

24. Authorizing the Governor to grant certain lands to the Baptist Congregation at Frazer, Macon county [Grants 4 acres of land on which their meeting house has been erected, to include the grave yard.]

25. To prevent disfiguring the walls of the State House. [Prescribes a penalty of five dollars for writing or scribbling on all walls, or marking them with pictures.]

26. Amending the charter of the Catawba Navigation Company. [Authorizes the President and directors to call upon the stockholders for such portion of their stocks as may be necessary for carrying on the works of the company; and if they fail to pay such portion, the stock of such stockholders to be sold at auction. Extends the charter five years from the 1st January, 1830.]

27. Concerning the bonds in the office of the Public Treasurer for the purchase of the Cherokee and Tuscarora lands. [Provides that the Public Treasurer shall prepare a full statement of said bonds, and deliver it to the Comptroller, to be by him filed in his office, who shall raise an account against the Treasurer for the same.]

28. Ceding to the United States Jurisdiction over certain lands as sites for light houses. [Provides that the United States shall have jurisdiction over lands at Pamlico and Cape Hatteras for the said purpose.]

29. Regulating the entries of lands in certain cases. [Provides that no lands, now entered, and the entries of which will expire on the 15th December, 1831, shall be re-entered within twelve months after that date by the persons in whose names said entries are now made.]

30. For the relief of securities in certain cases. [Provides that original securities on justices' judgments shall be absolved from liability in certain cases, by causing their dissent to be entered by the justice.]

31. Securing the collection of fines and amercements from sheriffs. [Renders the securities of sheriffs liable for such fines and amercements.]

32. Extending the time for registering grants and mesne conveyances, powers of attorney, bills of sale and deeds of gift. [Extends the time for registering said instruments, to two years.]

33. To enable the State Bank to wind up gradually, at a fixed, uniform rate of collection. [Grants a restricted extension of the charter until Jan. 1, 1833; and provides that after December 1, 1834, the bank shall make no new loans, or discount any note, except on renewal of some previously existing debt; nor omit or re-issue any bills or notes except on satisfactory or other proper evidences of debt to secure payment of what it may owe; and shall, after Dec. 1, 1832, issue no bill under the denomination of \$5. Provides further that the bank shall not collect more than one twentieth part of the debt now existing, every twenty days, except in cases where a special engagement exists to pay by larger instalments. Stock may be received in payment of debts and dividends of the capital may be declared after January 1, 1833. Reduces the number of directors of the principal bank to ten, and of the branches to not more than seven, nor less than five. Provides for the discontinuance of the branches at intervals of not less than nine months; after the first of September next not to loan, except on business paper, shows the bank until the first of July to determine whether they will accept this restricted extension of the charter.]

34. To enable the Bank of Newbern and Bank of the Fear to wind up gradually, and to fix a uniform rate of collection. [The provisions of this act

shall correspond with those of the foregoing.]

35. Fixing the fees of the Clerks of the County and Superior Courts, and Sheriffs' fees. Embodies them into one act.

36. Concerning the State road in Macon county. [Places the said road under the jurisdiction of the county court of Macon.]

PRIVATE ACTS.

They were 111 private acts passed; we select such as are of any interest to the Western or Middle sections of the State.

Repealing the acts of 1809, chapter 36, amending the act for the better regulation of the town of Morganton.

Designating the place where the first regiment of Davidson shall hereafter muster.

Relative to Wadesborough Academy.

Repealing so much of the act of 1827, to keep open the Tuckasee and Tennessee rivers and tributary streams, in Haywood county, as relates to the Gauley creek, now in Macon county.

Repealing the act of 1828, appointing commissioners on a part of the road leading from Morganton to Avery's turnpike road in Burke county.

Allowing compensation to Jurors in Burke county.

Amending the act of 1824, establishing and regulating a turnpike road in Rutherford and Buncombe counties.

To revive the act of 1828, authorizing the Commissioners of Finance of Iredell county to settle with the commissioners of Statesville.

To revive and continue in force the act of 1827, authorizing Thomas Brown, of Haywood (now Macon) county to erect two gates on a public road.

Authorizing Matthew Hughes, of Surry, to erect a dam across Fisher's river.

Concerning the compensation made to clerks and sheriffs, so far as regards Chatham county.

More effectually to prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up Rocky river joining Anson county from the mouth of the Cabarrus line.

Authorizing James McKee, sheriff of Haywood, to collect certain taxes.

Incorporating the Vance Circulating Library Society of Ashville.

Amending the act of 1824, for the better regulation of town of Pittsborough.

Amending the act of 1828, allowing compensation to jurors of the original panel in Buncombe county.

Concerning the liability of certain lands in the State to be sold to work on roads.

Authorizing Richard T. Brumby, of Lincoln, to erect a saw mill on said lands.

Authorizing the county court of Franklin, to appoint wardens of the poor, and to build a poor and work house.

Authorizing the justices of the peace of Iredell to purchase a tract of land, and erect a prison building for the accommodation of the poor of said county.

Providing for the passage of fish up Laurel creek, in Buncombe county.

Providing for the payment of jurors in the counties of Rowan, Wake, Duplin, Montgomery, Granville, Sampson, Bertie and Stokes, and for other purposes. [Provides that the Sheriff shall receive the juror tickets in payment of taxes at par value, and that neither the sheriff or county trustee shall trade for these tickets at less than par value.]

Concerning the first regiment of Surry county. The regiment to muster at Cook's old field, or five miles therefrom.

Amending the third section of the act of 1815, relative to the passage of fish up the Pee Dee and Yaikin rivers. [Imposes a penalty of 25 dollars on the commissioners for neglect of duty.]

To attach Captain Alexander's company, in Iredell, to the first regiment of that county.

Concerning the fees of the standard keeper of Rutherford county.

Amending the act of 1828, appointing commissioners to alter the plan of the town of Ashborough, and for the better regulation of said town.

To prevent the falling of timber in, or obstructing the run of Big and Little Polecat creeks in Randolph county.

Providing for the compensation of jurors of the counties of Beaufort, Onslow, Hyde, Anson, Columbus and Duplin.

Repealing part of the act of last session, chapter 74, to compel the clerks of the county and superior courts and register of Chatham county to keep their offices at Pittsborough.

Repealing the act of 1828, authorizing the county courts of Ashe and Wilkes to keep in repair the road by Jefferson, by the imposition of tolls on said road.

Extending the provisions of the act of 1828, appointing commissioners to build a new court house in Surry county, and for other purposes. [Continues in force for two years the section providing for the creation of a fund for the purpose aforesaid.]

To prevent the falling of timber in, or obstructing the run of Rocky river in a portion of Chatham county.

Incorporating the Salisbury Vigilant Fire Company.

Appointing commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between the counties of Anson and Mecklenburg.

Amending the act of 1825, to prevent the falling of timber in, or obstructing the run of Brown creek in Anson county.

Extending the provisions of the act of 1828, supplemental to the act erecting Macon county.

Concerning the elections in the counties of Davidson, Mecklenburg and New Hanover.

Authorizing the appointment of commissioners to run and mark the dividing line between the counties of Haywood and Buncombe.

For the relief of James D. Justice, of Buncombe county.

Dividing the regiment of Macon county.

Authorizing Andrew Welch and William Thomas, of Macon county, to erect certain gates.

Authorizing Thomas L. Cowan of Rowan, to erect certain gates.

Providing for the permanent establishment of a public road from Lincoln to Rutherfordton.

Amending the act to alter the time of holding the superior courts of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus.

Amending the act of 1827, providing for the incorporation of the town of Lexington.

Amending the act of 1828, supplemental to the act erecting the county of Macon.

Amendatory of the several acts appointing commissioners for the town of Ashborough, and for the better regulation of the police thereof.

For the improvement of the road from the Old Fort, in Burke, to Ashville, in Buncombe.

Authorizing the county court of Burke to appoint commissioners to run and lay off a turnpike road from the Lincoln line to Jacob Mull's mill.

Amending the act of 1826, appointing commissioners to superintend the building a court-house in Surry county.

RESOLUTIONS.

Thirty-seven resolutions were passed; we select such as are of any interest to the great body of our readers.

Requesting the Governor to deliver to the public Treasurer his check on the State Bank for \$21,155 90, now in deposit to the credit of the Governor.

Directing the Public Treasurer to call on the several Banks for a statement of the amount due them by directors, stockholders &c.

Concerning Miss Lucy M. Blakely. [Discontinues the appropriation for her support, and education.]

Allowing credit to the public Treasurer for the amount of Treasury Notes which have been burnt this session.

Directing the Governor to transmit to the Executive of Virginia, the act incorporating the Lake Drummond and Orapeak Canal Company, and request a continuation thereof by the Legislature of that State.

Requesting the Governor to loan to the New Hope Navigation Company the necessary instruments for surveying and leveling New Hope Creek.

Directing the Comptroller to make the proper entries on his books, relative to the various debts due to and from the State.

Requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to call the attention of Congress to the subject of setting or attempting to sell counterfeit orders, checks or drafts on the Bank of the U. S. for the purpose of providing for the said officers.

In favour of James Riley, of Davidson.

In favour of Archibald S. Brown.

In favour of the late John L. Taylor.

In favour of John Low of Orange.

In favour of George Ayler.

Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to procure the repeal of the salt tax.

In favour of Thomas Walker, of Mecklenburg.

Appointing William R. Hill, Librarian.

Instructing the Board of Internal Improvement to procure if possible, from the Cape Fear Navigation Company a release to the State of their privileges in the tributary streams of the Cape Fear river.

In relation to the large western grants.

Suspends the further sales of Cherokee lands covered by the grants to Hoidman and Essleman and to Calcutt and Steadman, until the further order of the Legislature and until which the Treasurer is directed to abstain from collecting money due upon bonds given or certain lands sold by the State in the counties of Macon and Haywood.

Authorizes the employment, if necessary of additional council in defence of certain suits pending in the Federal Court.

Concerning the claim of the State against the United States.

Directing the statement prepared by the Comptroller, exhibiting the amount paid on certain species of taxation, to be filed in his office.

Making communication to the Treasurer, Comptroller and Secretary of State for examining the old standing debts of the Comptroller's book.

THE CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the Convention were yesterday of a spirit character, and the whole day from 11 o'clock was consumed, with but one single effective result of increasing the House of Delegates from 152 to 154—giving one additional member to Brunswick and one to Montgomery. There is reason to hope, however, that the perplexing and inflammatory subject of the appointment of a representative power, is disposed of, as no other amendment was offered, and the amended second report of the Select Committee, was finally adopted. There is now two amendments before the Convention—Mr. Madison's yesterday offered, providing for future apportionments, by two thirds of each House of General Assembly, at the summer's session, respecting new and unrepresented territory of these, it is hoped, will occupy a great deal