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WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN.

When the sun goes down and the blue from out the
skies,
As the day with its sunlight ends,
How I sigh for thee as I'm sitting all alone
When I think of my home and friends;
For still do I dream of the many, many days
That came like a charm to me then,
And my heart would break if I thought thou could'st
forget,
Should I live to behold thee again.

The day be bright and as cheerful as of old,
I rejoice not to share its light;
For my heart is sad in its loneliness away,
Be it day or the solitude of night.
But oh! it is sweet with a sorrow on my heart
To pause as the stars descend;
And to think of thee in a region far away
As the pride of my heart and a friend.

When the sun goes down in the silence of the night
Oh! my heart! how it sighs for home!
Yet I still would stay in my solitude away
If change or thy spirit should come;
For all that I prize is the merry, merry laugh,
And my fate on the friendship depends;
And my heart would break if I thought thou would'st
forget,
Should I greet thee at home with my friends.

REVENUE ACT.

The following act has passed both houses
of the General Assembly:

Section 1. The General Assembly of
North Carolina do enact, That the taxes
hereinafter designated, payable in the
existing national currency, shall be assessed
and collected under the rules and regu-
lations prescribed in this act, and in the
act for collecting revenue, ratified March
twelfth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six,
or such act as may be substituted there-
for by this General Assembly: all the
provisions of which, except as far as mod-
ified or repealed, shall be held applica-
ble to secure the assessment, collection and
return of the taxes herein imposed.

Sec. 2. On each taxable poll or male
between the ages of twenty-one and fifty,
except such poor and infirm persons as the
County Commissioners may declare and
record fit subject for exemption, there
shall be annually levied and collected a
tax of one dollar and five cents, the pro-
ceeds of such tax to be devoted to pur-
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day, forty dollars, and for each side show
to a circus or menagerie, ten dollars.

Sec. 5. On itinerant companies, or per-
sons who exhibit for amusement in the
public, otherwise than as mentioned in the
four preceding sections, for each county,
five dollars for each exhibition. Exhibi-
tions given without charge for admission,
and also those exclusively for charitable
objects, shall be exempt.

Sec. 6. On each exhibition of spirit rap-
pings, or other device, by whatever name
called, which professes to reveal com-
munications from the spirits of the living or
dead for profit, ten dollars.

Sec. 7. On all gift enterprises, or any
person or establishment offering any article
for sale, and proposing to present pur-
chasers with any gift or prize as an in-
centive to purchase, within the limits of
the State, ten dollars for each day such
person or establishment continues in oper-
ation. This tax shall not be construed to
relieve such person or establishments from
any penalties incurred by a violation of
the law.

Sec. 8. Every Agency of a bank, incor-
porated out of the State, two hundred and
fifty dollars.

Sec. 9. The tax on billiard saloons
shall be fifty dollars each.

Sec. 10. To keep a tin-pin alley, or al-
ley of like kind, or bowling saloon, or
baguette table, or any other table, stand

property used in the business from which
the income is derived.

Sec. 3. Usual or ordinary repairs of the
buildings from which the income is deriv-
ed.

Sec. 4. Cost or value of the labor (except
that of the tax payer himself) raw mate-
rial, food, and all other necessary expen-
ses incidental to the business from which
the income is derived, together with the
necessary expenses of supporting the fam-
ily which shall, in no instance, exceed one
thousand dollars.

The tax payer shall return to the assess-
or the gross amount of his expenses to be
deducted therefrom, which return the
assessor shall file in the office of the clerk
of the county commissioners.

Sec. 2. Upon all real and personal es-
tate, whether legal or equitable, situate
within the State, which shall descend, or
be devised or bequeathed to any collateral
relation or person, other than a lineal de-
scendant or ancestor of the husband or
wife of the deceased, or husband or wife
of such ancestor or descendant, or to which
such collateral relation may be entitled,
under the law, for the distribution of the
intestate estates and which real and
personal estate may not be required in
payment of debts and other liabilities, the
following per centum tax upon the value
thereof shall be paid:

1. If such collateral relation be a brother
or sister of the father or mother of the
deceased, or issue of such brother or sis-
ter, a tax of one per cent.

2. If such collateral relation be a more
remote relation, or the devisee or legatee
be a stranger, a tax of two per cent.

The real estate liable to taxation shall
be listed by the devisee or heir, in a sepa-
rate column, designating its proper per
cent tax.

The personal estate, or real estate re-
duced to assets, shall be liable to the tax
in the hands of the executor, or adminis-
trator, and shall be paid by him before his
administration account is audited, or the
real estate is settled, to the sheriff of the
county. If the real estate descended or
devised shall not be the entire inheritance
the heir or devisee shall pay a *pro rata*
part of the tax, corresponding with the
relative value of the estate or interest.

If the legacy or distributive share to be
received, shall not be the entire property,
such legatee or distributee shall in like
manner, pay a *pro rata* part of the tax
according to the value of his interest.

Whenever the personal property in the
hands of such administrator or executor
(the same not being need to be converted
into money, in the course of the adminis-
tration,) shall be of uncertain value, he
shall apply to the county commissioners
to appoint three impartial men of probity
to assess the value thereof; and such as-
sessment being returned to the commis-
sioners, and being confirmed, shall be con-
clusive of the value.

To facilitate the collection of the tax on
collaterals, every executor or adminis-
trator shall return in his inventory whether
the estate of the deceased goes to the lineal
or collateral relations, or to a stranger,
and if to collaterals, the degree of relation-
ship of such collaterals to the deceased,
under a penalty of one hundred dollars,
to be recovered in the name and for the
use of the State; and it shall be the duty
of the Superior Court Clerk of the county
to furnish the sheriff with the names of
the executors, and administrators, who
make such returns after each and every
term of his court.

SCHEDULE B.
The taxes in this Schedule imposed are
for the privilege of carrying on the busi-
ness or doing the act named.

Section 1. Traveling theatrical compa-
nies shall pay five dollars for the first, and
five dollars for each subsequent exhibi-
tion. When the theatrical exhibitions are
by the season of not less than one month,
the tax shall be fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. On each concert and musical
entertainment for profit, shall be paid five
dollars; on each lecture for reward, five
dollars.

Sec. 3. On museums, wax-works or curi-
osities of any kind, natural or artificial
(except paintings or statuary,) on each
day's and night's exhibiting shall be paid
five dollars.

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or place for any other game or play, with
or without a name, unless such alley, stand
place or game is kept for private amuse-
ment or exercise alone, and not prohibited
by law, there shall be a license tax of
twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 11. Every retail dealer in spiritu-
ous, vinous liquors, porter, lager beer, or
other malt liquors shall pay a tax of five
per cent on the amount of purchases, and
every person who buys and sells spiritu-
ous, vinous or malt liquors in quantities
less than three pints, shall, within the
meaning of this act be retail dealer.

Sec. 12. Every wholesale dealer, person
who buys and sells spirituous, vinous or
malt liquors in quantities not less than
three pints, shall pay a tax of five per
cent on the amount of his purchases.

Sec. 13. Every person distilling spiritu-
ous liquors shall pay a tax of ten per
cent on the cash value of the liquors dis-
tilled from grain, potatoes, molasses and
sugar cane; and five per cent on the li-
quors distilled from fruit.

Sec. 14. Every manufacturer of tobac-
co shall pay a tax of 2 1/2 per cent on his
purchases of leaf tobacco.

Sec. 15. Every merchant or other dealer
shall apply to the Sheriff for a license,
and shall state on oath, the estimated
amount of his purchases from the time
when the license is to begin to run, to its
expiration and the amount of tax to be
paid by him shall be computed upon that
estimate, and the tax shall be one fifth of
one per cent, and shall be paid on receiv-
ing the license, and shall in no instance
be less than ten dollars. Within ten days
after the end of January, April, July and
October, the merchant or dealer shall de-
liver to the sheriff a sworn statement of
the actual amount of his purchases within
the preceding quarter. The sheriff shall
have power to require the merchant mak-
ing such statement to submit his books
to examination by the sheriff, and every
merchant refusing on demand to submit
his books to such examination, shall be
liable to a penalty to the State of two
hundred dollars, to be prosecuted by the
sheriff and recovered in any court having
jurisdiction of the case. It shall further
be the duty of the sheriff to prosecute ev-
ery merchant refusing as aforesaid, in the
Superior Court of the county, as may be
prescribed for special proceedings to the
end of obtaining such examination and
compelling payment of the proper tax.

Sec. 16. On the gross receipts of hotels,
boarding houses, (except those for educa-
tional purposes), restaurants and eating
houses, the tax shall be one per cent.

Sec. 17. On the gross receipts of gas
companies, two per cent.

Sec. 18. The tax on public ferries, toll
gates and toll bridges, shall be on the
gross receipts two per cent. On gates
across highways five dollars.

Sec. 19. Every money or exchange
bond or note broker, private banker, or
agent of a foreign broker or banker in ad-
dition to the *ad valorem* tax on their cap-
ital invested, or the tax on their net in-
come, shall pay, if employing a capital of
less than twenty thousand dollars or more,
a license tax of one hundred dollars; if a
capital of less than twenty thousand dol-
lars, fifty dollars; and if a capital of ten
thousand dollars or less, a tax of twenty-
five dollars; and also ten dollars addition-
al for each county in which they have an
agency.

Sec. 20. Every person who purchases
in the State, or brings into the State for
sale or use, playing cards, shall pay a tax
of twenty-five cents for each separate deck
or pack so bought or brought into the
State.

Sec. 21. On each stud-horse and jack-
ass let to mares for a price, there shall be
a tax equal in amount to the price charged
for the season, there shall be a tax of ten
dollars.

Sec. 22. Every horse or mule drover,
or person who buys or receives horses or
mules from another for sale, shall pay a
tax of one and one-half per cent on each
sale or profit made in exchange of horses
or mule, do as so on as the sale is effect-
ed, or profit by the exchange is received;
and upon failure to pay such tax, in ev-
ery county in which he sells or exchanges
for profit, he shall forfeit and pay one
hundred dollars, which shall be collected
by the sheriff by distress or otherwise,
one-half to his own use and the other half
to the use of the State.

Sec. 23. On every person who, for him-
self or as an agent of another, sells riding
vehicles, shall pay two per cent on his
sales.

Sec. 24. Every auctioneer on all goods,
wares or merchandise, sold by himself or
agent, whether the growth or manufac-
ture of this State or not, shall pay one
per cent on the gross amount of his sales,
subject to all the regulations and exemp-
tions set forth in the tenth chapter of the
Revised Code entitled "Auctions and
Auctioneers."

Sec. 25. Every commission merchant
shall pay a tax of one-fourth of one per
cent on his sales as commission merchant.

Sec. 26. Every person whose occupa-
tion or business is to keep horses or vehi-
cles for hire, or to let, shall pay a tax of
five dollars for every horse for that pur-
pose, at any time during the year; to be
collected by the sheriff quarterly; *Provi-
ded*, That this section shall not apply to
draymen.

Sec. 27. Every licensed retailer of spiritu-
ous liquors, wines or cordials, thirty-five
dollars for one year. Every retailer of
malt liquors only, shall pay fifteen dol-
lars. The taxes in this section shall be
in addition to the tax imposed on purchas-
es of such liquors in this schedule.

Sec. 28. Every itinerant dentist, medi-

cal practitioner, portrait or miniature painter,
daguerrean artist and those persons tak-
ing likenesses of the human face, ten
dollars for each county in which he carries
on his business; *Provided*, That such
person shall furnish satisfactory evidence
to the sheriff of the county in which he
proposes to practice, that he is a resi-
dent of the State, and has filed the re-
ceipts of his profession for the previous
year, shall be exempt from the tax impos-
ed in this paragraph.

Sec. 29. Every person that peddles
goods, wares or merchandise, either by
land or water, or any other mode, or
peddler, whether on foot or otherwise,
shall first have proved to the County
Commissioners that he is of good moral
character, and shall have obtained from
the Commissioners (who may in their dis-
cretion make or refuse) an order to the
sheriff to grant him peddler's license to
expire on the first of next ensuing,
and the sheriff, on the production of a
copy of such order, certified by the clerk
of said commissioners, shall grant such
license for his county on the receipt of
twenty dollars tax: *Provided*, (1.) That
not more than one person shall peddle un-
der the license. (2.) That any person
who temporarily carries on a business
as merchant in any public place, and
then removes his goods, shall be deemed
a peddler. (3.) That nothing in this
section contained shall prevent any per-
son freely selling live stock, vegeta-
bles, fruits, oysters, fish, books, charts,
maps, printed music, or articles of his
own growth or manufacture within this
State. (4.) That nothing herein con-
tained shall release peddlers from paying
the tax imposed in this act on persons
who deal in the same species of merchan-
dise, which tax shall be collected or re-
covered in the same manner as in the case
of other merchants and traders.

Sec. 30. Every itinerant who deals in
or puts up lightning rods, five dollars for
each county in which he carries on his
business.

Sec. 31. Every itinerant who sells spiritu-
ous liquors, wines or cordials, not the
product of his own farm, shall pay twenty
five dollars for every county, and be under
the same rules and restrictions as ped-
dlers, except that an order from the com-
missioners shall not be required for a li-
cense.

Sec. 32. Every company of gypsies,
or strolling company of persons who make
a support by pretending to tell fortunes,
horse-trading, tinkering of bells, fifty
dollars in each county in which they offer
to practice any of their crafts, recoverable
out of any property belonging to any one
of the company; but nothing herein con-
tained shall be so construed as to exempt
them from indictment or penalty imposed
by law.

Sec. 33. Every non-resident or drum-
mer or agent of a non-resident, who shall
sell any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors,
goods, wares, or merchandise, by sample
or otherwise, whether delivered or to be
delivered, shall pay an annual tax of fifty
dollars, and a tax of like amount as is pay-
able by residents on their purchases or
sales, as the case may be, of similar arti-
cles. Before making such sales, he shall
obtain from the sheriff of the county in
which he proposes to do business, a li-
cense in writing, which the sheriff may
give on his entering into bond in the sum
of five hundred dollars, with sufficient se-
curity, conditioned to pay the taxes herein
imposed, when demanded by the sheriff.
Any person violating the provisions of
this paragraph shall be deemed guilty of a
misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall
be fined and imprisoned at the discretion
of the court, and shall forfeit and pay five
hundred dollars to the sheriff, to be col-
lected by distress or otherwise, four hun-
dred dollars of which shall be accounted
for as other taxes, and the residue he may
retain to his own use or to the use of the
inferior.

Sec. 34. The chief officers of banks, in-
cluding private bankers, saving banks,
and such insurance companies as are in-
corporated by this State, shall in April and
October of each year, certify on oath the
amount of dividends or profits which have
been earned, and shall pay on such divi-
dends, five per cent. On failure to com-
ply with the provision of this section, said
banks, companies or persons shall pay as
taxes one thousand dollars, to be collect-
ed by the sheriff by distress or otherwise.

Sec. 35. Every insurance company not
incorporated in this State doing business
therein shall pay on the assessments col-
lected, premiums received and obligations
for premiums, three per cent, not to be
less than four hundred dollars for each
company; on failure to comply with the
provisions of this section, shall pay as tax
two thousand dollars and the principal
agent shall be liable therefor. The above
per centage tax shall be payable on the
first day of April of each year and every
three months thereafter.

Sec. 36. No person shall follow any of
the trades or professions taxed by this act
or in any other act imposing taxes on
trades and professions and franchises with-
out first obtaining a license from the sheriff
of the county in which the trade or profes-
sion is to be followed, or the franchise
enjoyed. Such license shall give to the
person obtaining it, the right to practice the
trade or profession or to enjoy the fran-
chise therein specified in the county of
the sheriff by whom it is issued, and in no
other unless the law imposing the tax
shall otherwise direct, from its date to the
following first day of April; *Provided*,
That nothing in this section shall apply
to licensed practicing physicians, lawyers
or dentists.

Sec. 37. The form of the license shall
be in substance as follows:
Received this day of
1869, of dollars, of which
dollars is the tax to the State of North Car-
olina, and for his license to practice
the trade (or profession) of
until the first day of April next
(Signed) _____
A. B.,
County.

Sheriff of _____
County.
(Counter signed)
C. D.,
County.

Sec. 38. The amount of tax to be
paid on obtaining the license to practice
any trade or profession, which is taxed
by a certain act, shall be in proportion to
the tax imposed for the whole year, as the
unexpired portion of the year from the
date of the license if to the whole year.

Sec. 39. Any person proposing to fol-
low any taxed trade or profession may
take out a license in advance of the time
when he proposes to begin such trade or
profession, or in advance of the expira-
tion of a license already held by him. In
such case the license shall be truly dated,
and shall specify the time at which it
shall begin to be of force, as well as the
time when it shall expire, which shall al-
ways be on the first day of April next.

Sec. 40. No license issued by the sheriff
shall be valid until the same shall have
been exhibited to, and countersigned by
the Register of Deeds of the county, who
shall receive for the services imposed on
him by this act in reference to licenses, a
fee of twenty-five cents from every per-
son licensed.

Sec. 41. The Register of Deeds shall
keep a book in which he shall record the
name of the person licensed, the trade or
profession to be followed or the fran-
chise to be enjoyed, the date at which it
begins to run and the sum paid to the
sheriff, and he shall on the first Monday
in January, April, July and October,
send a certified copy of such record for
the quarter last preceding, to the Auditor
of the State, who shall charge the sheriff
with the amount so appearing due. If
any Register shall fail to perform the
duty hereby imposed on him, he shall for-
feit to the State a penalty of two hundred
dollars, to be recovered of him and the
sureties to his official bond, on motion in
the Superior Court for the county of
Wake; and on such motion a certified
copy of his official bond and the certifi-
cate of the Auditor of the State setting
forth his failure to make the required re-
turn, shall be *Prima facie* evidence en-
titled the State to judgment in the ab-
sence of any sufficient defence.

Sec. 42. Every person who shall
practice any trade or profession, or use
any franchise taxed by the law of North
Carolina without having first paid the
tax and obtained a license as herein re-
quired, shall be deemed guilty of a mis-
demeanor, and shall also forfeit and pay
to the State a penalty not to exceed
twenty dollars at the discretion of the
court, and in default of the payment of
such fine, he may be imprisoned for not
more than one month, at the discretion of
the court, for every day on which he
shall practice such trade or profession, or
use such franchise; which penalty, or the
sheriff of the county, in which it is im-
posed, shall cause to be prosecuted for
before any justice of the peace of the
county.

Sec. 43. The sheriff shall immedi-
ately report to the Register of Deeds all
sums recovered by him as penalties under
this act, and the Register shall add three-
fourth of each penalty recovered to the
record of licenses required to be kept by
him; the other fourth the sheriff may re-
tain.

Sec. 44. No license shall be granted to
any person until the license tax due by
him shall be fully paid.

SCHEDULE C.

The taxes embraced in Schedule C
shall be listed and paid as specially there-
in directed, and shall be for the privilege
of carrying on the business named:

Section 1. Every Express Company
shall make return to the Public Treasur-
er on or before the first Mondays in
January, April, July and October, of
each year, of the gross earnings and re-
ceipts of such company within the State
of North Carolina, during the three
months next preceding. The said report
shall be verified by the oath of the chief
officer or agent of the company at its
principal office in the State. The said
company shall on or before the first Monday
of each of the said months pay on the
gross receipts two per cent, for each three
months, and for failure to make such re-
port, or pay such tax, the company shall
pay as taxes two thousand dollars, to be
collected by such sheriff as the Public
Treasurer may designate, by distress or
otherwise.

Sec. 2. Every Telegraph company do-
ing business in this State shall, at the
times and in the manner prescribed in the
preceding section, make report of the re-
ceipts of said company within this State
and pay to the Public Treasurer one per
cent for each three months, and in case
of default of such report, or payment, the
company shall pay as tax one thousand
dollars, to be collected by such sheriffs as
the Public Treasurer shall designate, by
distress or otherwise.

Sec. 3. Whenever the seal of the
State, or of the Treasury Department, a
Notary Public, or other public officer,
except clerks of the Superior Courts, re-
quired by law to keep a seal, shall be af-
fixed to any paper, except as hereinafter
is excepted, the tax shall be as follows:
to be paid by the party applying for the
same: For the seal of the State, one
dollar, to be collected and paid into the

Treasury by the Private Secretary of the
Governor; for the seal of the Public
Treasurer, to be collected by him and
accounted for as other public moneys, fifty
cents; for the seal of the Supreme Court,
fifty cents; to be collected by the clerk,
and paid by him into the Treasury; and
for the seal of a Notary Public, or other
public officer, twenty-five cents, to be
collected and paid over by the officer col-
lecting the same, to the sheriff of the
county where such seal is kept. Said
officers shall keep an account of the
number of times their seals may be used,
and shall deliver to the proper officer a
sworn statement thereof. Whenever a
seal is used in the absence of a seal by
any of said officers, the said tax shall be
on the seal. Seals made for the use of
any County or State or other Government
or used on the commissions of officers in
the militia, Justices of the Peace, or any
public pension laws, or upon any pro-
cess of a court shall be exempt from tax.
The officers collecting the seal
taxes may retain, as compensation, five
per cent.

Sec. 4. On each marriage license,
mortgage deed, marriage contract, and
deed in trust to secure creditors, there
shall be a tax of one dollar. On every
other deed conveying, or contracting to
convey, title to real estate, and on all
other instruments admitted to registra-
tion, where the consideration exceeds three
hundred dollars and is less than one
thousand dollars, fifty cents, and twenty-
five cents in addition for every additional
one thousand dollars. Where any of the
foregoing instruments are proved before
the clerk of the County Commissioners,
he shall be charged with the collection of
the tax as heretofore. Where probate is
otherwise made, the Register shall col-
lect and pay the same, less five per cent.
commissions to the sheriff, rendering a
sworn statement of the number and char-
acter of the instruments admitted to regis-
tration and the taxes due thereon, which
the sheriff shall file with the Clerk of the
County Commissioners, as directed by law.

Sec. 5. On every charter of incorpora-
tion of any company granted by the
General Assembly other than those for
charity, benevolence or literature, where
the corporation had power to become in-
corporated under the provisions of chapter
twenty-six, Revised Code, entitled "Cor-
porations," and on any amendment of
every such charter, whether originally
granted by the General Assembly or ac-
quired by letters patent or otherwise, there
shall be a tax of twenty-five dollars paid
directly to the Public Treasurer. No
company shall be organized under such
special act of incorporation or derive
benefit from any act to amend their char-
ter, without at first obtaining a certified
copy of such act from the Secretary of
State, which shall not be furnished until
the Treasurer's receipt for the said tax
shall be filed in the office of the said Sec-
retary.

Sec. 6. All laws imposing taxes, the
subjects of which are revised in this act
are hereby repealed; *Provided*, That this
repeal shall not extend to the provisions
of any law, so far as they relate to the
taxes listed or which ought to have been
listed, or which may be due previous to
the ratification of this act.

Sec. 7. This act shall be in force from
and after its ratification.

WEBSTER'S CONFESSION OF FAITH.

The following letter is from Daniel
Webster to Rev. Thomas Worcester,
formerly pastor of the Congregational
Church, in Salisbury, N. H., and is ac-
companied with a confession of his reli-
gious faith. Mr. Webster, it is stated,
retained his membership with the church
in Salisbury up to the time of his death.

BOSCAEN, N. H., Aug. 8, 1807.
Dear Sir:—The other day we were
conversing respecting confessions of
faith. Some time ago I wrote down for
my own use, a few propositions in the shape
of articles, intending to exhibit a very
short summary of the doctrines of the
Christian religion as they impressed my
mind. I have taken the liberty to en-
close a copy for your perusal. I am sir,
with respect yours, &c. D. WEBSTER.

I believe in the existence of Almighty
God, who created and governs the whole
world. I am taught by the works of