CAPTIONS OF THE LAWS,

Passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina, at the Session of 1858-'59.

ACTS.

1. An Act entitled Revenue. [Provides that the county courts at their first term after the first day of July next, shall appoint one justice of the peace and two freeholders for each captain's district in the county, who shall be a board to value land and town lots. These district boards are to perform their duties and make return to a county board of valuation, to meet on the second Monday of January, after the appointment of the district board, said county board to be composed of the justices of the peace who were members of the different district boards. The county board is to examine and compare the lists and re-assess when necessary, and make return to the clerk of the county court. The members of these boards to receive not more than $2 per day, while engaged in the discharge of their duties. The takers of the tax-lists to receive such compensation as the county court may allow. The following subjects shall be annually listed, and taxed as follows: Real property, with the improvements thereon (including entries of land,) twenty cents on every hundred dollars of its value; every taxable poll eighty cents; every toll gate on a turnpike road, every toll bridge five per cent. on the gross receipts, and every gate permitted by the county court to be erected across a highway, fifteen dollars; every ferry one per cent. on the total receipts of tolls during the year; every studhorse or jackass let to mares for a price, belonging to a resident of the State, six dollars, unless the highest price demanded for the season for one mare shall exceed that sum, in which case the amount thus demanded shall be paid as tax. This subject shall be listed and the tax paid in the county in which the owner resides; every dollar of net interest, not previously listed, received or accrued, (whether demandable or not,) on or before the first day of July of every year, on bonds or certificates of debt of the United States, of this State, (unless exempt by chapter 90 of the Revised Code, entitled "Public Debt,") or of any other State or government, or of any county or corporation, municipal or private, or on any bond, note, contract, account, or other claim or demand against solvent debtors, wherever they may reside, four cents; every dollar of net dividend or profit, not previously listed, declared, received, or due on or before the first day of July in each year, upon money or capital invested in steam vessels of twenty tons burden or upwards, or in shares in any bank or other incorporation or trading company, four cents; every note-shaver, or person who buys any note or notes, bond or bonds made by individuals, shall list the profits made and received or secured on all such purchases made by him during the year ending on the first day of July, whether made for cash or in exchange for other notes or bonds, and pay a tax of ten per cent. on the aggregate amount of such profits, in addition to the tax imposed by this act on the interest he may receive on such notes or bonds: *Provided*, There shall be no deduction made from the profits in consequence of any losses sustained; every person resident in this State engaged in the business of buying and selling slaves, whether the purchases or sales be made in or out of the State, for cash or on a credit, one half of one per cent. on the total amount of all his purchases, during the twelve months ending on the first day of July of each year; every person resident in the State, not a regular trader in slaves, who may buy a slave or slaves to sell again, whether such purchase or sale be made in or out of the State, for cash or on credit, one half of one per cent. on the total amount of his purchases during the twelve months ending on the first day of July of each year; every carriage, buggy or other vehicle kept for pleasure or for the conveyance of persons, of the value of fifty dollars or upwards, 1 per cent. on its value; all gold and silver plate and gold and silver plated ware, and jewelry worn by males, including watch-chains, seals and keys, when collectively of greater value than $25, 1 per cent. on their entire value, every watch in use, 1 per cent. on the value: *Provided*, That all watches worn by ladies shall be exempt from taxation; every harp in use, $2.50; every piano in use, $1.50; every dirk, bowie-knife, pistol, sword cane and rifle-cane, used or worn about the person of any one at any time during the year, one dollar and twenty-five cents. Arms used for mustering shall be exempt from taxation; every resident surgeon-dentist, physician, lawyer, portrait or miniature painter, daguerrian artist or other person taking likenesses of the human face; every commission merchant, factor, produce broker, and auctioneer; every State and county officer, and every person in the employment of incorporated or private companies, societies, institutions or individuals, and every other person, (except ministers of the gospel, and Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts,) whose annual total receipts and income, (whether in money or otherwise) in the way of practice, salary, fees, wages, perquisites and emoluments, amount to or are worth five hundred dollars or upwards, one per cent. on such total receipts and income; every resident of the State that brings into this State, or buys from a non resident, whether by sample, otherwise, spirituous liquors, wines or cordials for the purpose of sale, ten per cent. on the amount of his purchases; every person that buys to sell again, spirituous liquors, wines or cordials from the maker in this State, his agent, factor or commission merchant, five per cent. on his purchases; upon all real and personal estate, whether legal or equitable, above the value of one hundred dollars, situated within this State, which shall descend, or be devised or bequeathed to any collateral relation, or person, other than a lineal ancestor or descendant, or the husband or wife of the deceased, or husband or wife of such ancestor or descendant, or to which such collateral relation may become entitled under the law for the distribution of intestate's 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: Class 1—If such collateral relation be a brother or sister, a tax of one per cent; Class 2—If such collateral relation be a brother or sister of the father or mother of the deceased, or child of such a brother or sister, a tax of two per cent; Class 3—If such collateral relation be a more remote relation, or the devisee or legatee of a stranger, a tax of three per cent; the foregoing to be listed by the persons who own the property, or who are in possession of it on the first day of July of every year; taxable free negroes shall be listed and the tax paid by the owner of the land on which they reside. The sheriff shall, in addition to the foregoing, annually collect the taxes as set forth as follows, and grant to each party paying the tax a license to carry on his business until the first day of July next, ensuing, except in cases where the tax is on non-resident traders in slaves, or horses and mule drovers, in which cases no license shall be required; every company of circus riders, or exhibitors of collections of animals, seventy-five dollars for each county in which they shall perform or exhibit for reward; every separate exhibition, commonly known as side shows, accompanying such performers or exhibitors, which cannot be seen without the payment of a separate charge, fifteen dollars for each county in which it is exhibited for reward; every company of stage or theatrical players, or persons performing feats of strength, or agility, or exhibiting natural or artificial objects, except amateur performances, twenty dollars for each county in which they exhibit for reward; every company of [illegible] companies, who [illegible] by the State except companies for mutual insurance [illegible] one hundred dollars [illegible] out of the State, one hundred dollars for each county in which [illegible] established; every agency of a bank incorporated out of the State, five hundred dollars; every money, exchange, bond or note broker, private bank or agent of a foreign banker or banker, [illegible] dollars for each county in which he has an office or place of business; every express company, ten dollars for each county in which it proposes to deliver packages; every public billiard table one hundred and twenty-five dollars; every private billiard table 25 dollars; every [illegible] bowling alley, whether called a nine-pin or ten-pin alley, or by any other name, fifty dollars; every private bowling alley [illegible] dollars; every livery stable, where horses and vehicles are kept for hire, twenty-five dollars; every licensed retailer of spirituous liquors, wines or cordials, or retailer of malt liquors, thirty dollars. In addition to this, such retailer shall list the amount of liquors, wines and cordials as required in above act, and pay the tax there imposed; every itinerant surgeon-dentist, portrait or miniature painter, daguerrean artist, and other persons taking likenesses of the human face, ten dollars for each county in which he carries on his business: *Provided*, That such person as shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the sheriff of the county in which he proposes to practice, that he is a resident of the State, and has listed the receipts in his profession for the previous year, shall be exempt from the tax imposed in this paragraph; Every non-resident of the State, who in person or by agent shall purchase any slave or slaves in this State, shall immediately after such purchase become liable to pay tax of one-half of one per cent. on the amount of his purchase, and upon his neglect or failure to pay such tax, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, which shall be collected by the sheriff, one-half to his own use, and the other half to the use of the State; every non-resident of the State, who, either in person or by agent, brings a slave or slaves into the State, and sells, shall pay one-half of one per cent. on the amount of each sale effected. If he fail to pay this tax, the purchaser shall be liable for the same, and the sheriff of the county in which the sale was made, or in which the purchaser reside shall collect by distress or otherwise out of the seller, if to be found in his county, and if the seller is not to be found, out of the buyer; every person that sells playing cards, a sum equal to thirty five cents per pack on all cards sold by him during the year; every person that, for himself or as agent for another at his regular place of business, sells riding vehicles manufactured out of this State, one per cent. on his sales; every auctioneer, on all goods, wares or merchandize placed in his hands by a merchant resident in the State, (whether owner or not) or by a commission merchant, one per cent. on the gross amount of sales, and if by itinerant traders, or such as are not residents of the State, five per cent. on gross amount of sales, subject to all the regulations and exemptions set forth in the tenth chapter of Revised Code, entitled "*Auctions and Auctioneers;*" every merchant, merchant tailor, jeweler, grocer, druggist, apothecary, produce dealer, commission merchant, factor, produce broker, and every other trader, who, as principal or agent for another, carries on the business of buying or selling goods, wares or merchandize of whatsoever name or description, and who is not taxed on his purchases in some other paragraph of this schedule, one-half of one per cent. on the total amount of his purchases, whether made in or out of the State, for cash, or on credit: *Provided*, That articles the growth or manufacture of this State, if bought in the State, and also articles the growth or manufacture of adjoining States, if brought into this State for sale by the grower or manufacturer, shall not be required to be returned in the amount of purchases, but shall be exempt from taxation; every dealer in ready-made clothing (for males) one and a half per cent. on total amount of purchases; every person who, for himself, or as agent for another, sells patent medicines or nostrums, ten per cent. on amount of his sales; every non-resident horse or mule drover, or person who receives horses or mules to sell for a non-resident, one per cent. on the amount of each sale, due as soon as the sale is effected—and upon his neglect or failure to pay such tax in every county in which he sells, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, which shall be collected by the sheriff, by distress or otherwise, one half to his own use, and one half to the use of the State. Every horse or mule drover shall be considered a non-resident, unless the sheriff has satisfactory evidence that he is a resident of the State; and the sheriff shall have power and authority to examine, on oath, at any time, every horse or mule drover, or person who receives horses or mules to sell for another, as to whether he has made any sale or exchange or not, and as to whether he is a non-resident, or agent of a non-resident, and on his failure to answer, he shall be subject to the same penalty as for failure or neglect to pay such tax; every stud-horse or jackass let to mares for a price, belonging to a non-resident of the State, ten dollars, unless the highest price demanded for the season, for one mare, shall exceed that sum, in which case the amount thus demanded shall be paid for the license. The payment to one sheriff, and the license under his hand, shall protect the subject in this paragraph taxed, in any county of the State. Every such stud-horse or jackass shall be considered as belonging to a non-resident, unless the sheriff is furnished with satisfactory evidence that the owner is a resident of the State; every person that peddles goods, wares or merchandize, either by land or water, not the growth or manufacture of this State, or any drugs, medicines or nostrums, whether such person travel on foot, with a conveyance, or otherwise, shall first have proved to the county court that he is a citizen of the United States, and is of good moral character, and shall have obtained from the court (who may, in its discretion, make or refuse) an order to the sheriff to grant him pedlar's license, to expire on the first of July next ensuing. And the sheriff on production of a copy of such order, certified by the clerk of said court, shall grant such license for his county, on receipt of forty dollars tax: *Provided*, That not more than one person shall peddle under one 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 pedlar. (3.) That nothing in this act contained, shall prevent any person from freely selling live stock, vegetables, fruits, oysters, fish, books, charts, maps, printed music, or the articles of his own growth or manufacture. (4.) That nothing herein contained shall release pedlers from paying the tax imposed in this act, on persons who deal in the same species of merchandize, which tax shall be collected or secured in the same manner as in case of other merchants or traders; every itinerant who deals in or puts up lightning rods, or who sells spirituous liquors, wines or cordials in quantities from one quart to one barrel, shall be under the same rules and restrictions, and be liable to the same tax as pedlers, except that no order from court shall be required to entitle him to a license; every company of gypsies, or any strolling company of persons who make a support by telling fortunes, pretending to tell fortunes, horse trading, tinkering or begging, one hundred 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; every incorporation that might become incorporated by letters patent, under the provisions of chapter 26, Revised Code, entitled corporations, but shall fail to do so and apply to the General Assembly and obtain a special act of incorporation, or shall obtain an act to amend their charter, whether it had been secured by letters patent under said law or by a special act, twenty-five dollars, for each act to incorporate or to amend, which tax shall be paid to the treasurer of the State; every non-resident banker shall pay one-fourth of one per cent. on all the exchange or specie drawn from the banks of this State—this amount to be retained and paid over by the cashiers. The president and cashier of each of the banks in this State, on or before the first day of October, in each year, shall pay into the public treasury the following tax, to wit: If the profits divided among the stockholders of the banks under their charge, during the year, amounted to not less than six, and not more than seven per cent., one-half of one per cent. on the stock owned by individuals or corporations; if over seven and not more than eight per cent., three fourths of one per cent. on the stock thus owned; if more than eight per cent. one per cent. on the stock thus owned; every license to an attorney to practice law in the county or superior courts fifteen dollars to be paid at the time of the obtaining the same, to the clerk of the supreme court, who shall, before the first day of October in each year, render to the treasurer of the State a list, setting forth the names of the persons from whom received and the amounts received, and pay into the public treasury the total amount, less five per cent. commission for receiving and accounting for the same; every marriage license, one dollar; every mortgage deed, marriage contract and deed in trust, made to secure debts or liabilities, one dollar, and every other deed conveying title to real estate where the consideration is three hundred dollars or upwards, fifty cents, payable to the clerk of the county court. All other acts coming in conflict with this are repealed, and this act is to be in force from and after its ratification. [We have not attempted to give the machinery or details of the act, but only those portions of it which relate to the mode and subjects of taxation.]

2. An act concerning courts of pleas and quarter sessions for the county of Duplin. [Gives the acting justices of the county power to call an extra term whenever, in their opinion, the business of the court requires it.]

3. An act to incorporate Shoal Creek Academy, in the county of Cherokee.

4. An act to incorporate the Copper Hill Mining Company.

5. An act to incorporate the Guilford Copper and Gold Mining Company.

6. An act to incorporate the North State Copper and Gold Mining Company.

7. An act to prevent the felling of timber in the waters of Tuckaho and Trent rivers. [Prohibits the felling of timber in Tuckaho, from Tuckaho bridge, in Jones county, to its junction with Trent, and also in the Trent, between Upper Quaker Bridge and the town of Pollocksville. Penalty not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, if a white person; if a slave or free negro, 39 lashes at the public whipping post.]

8. An act to incorporate the town of Mount Pleasant, in Cabarrus county.

9. An act to incorporate North-Carolina College, in Cabarrus county.

10. An act to amend an act passed by the General Assembly of North-Carolina at the session of 1854-'55, to incorporate the town of Lenoir, in Caldwell county.

11. An act authorizing and empowering the justices of the county of Franklin to sell certain public lands belonging to said county.

12. An act to incorporate Davenport Female College, in Caldwell county.

13. An act to enlarge the powers of the commissioners of the town of Tawborough so as to authorize them to organize and keep up a more efficient fire engine company in said town.

14. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the trustees of Graham Institute, a seminary of learning in the county of Alamance, passed A. D. 1851.

15. An act to extend the coporation of the town of Kinston, in Lenoir county.

16. An act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the construction of a branch of the Tuckasege and Keowee Turnpike in the county of Jackson, passed at the session of 1856-'57.

17. An act to amend an act, entitled an act to amend an act, entitled an act to incorporate the Cheo Turnpike Company, passed at the session of 1856-'57.

18. An act to require the clerks of the General Assembly to take an oath of office.

19. An act to make husbands liable for the debts of their deceased wives.

20. An act to incorporate the Orange Guards, at Hillsboro', Orange county.

21. An act to incorporate the Buckhorn Iron Company.

22. An act to amend the 53d section, 9th chapter Revised Code. [Provides such compensation as a majority of the justices may allow, to justices appointed to take the tax lists.]

23. An act to amend an act, passed at the session of 1852, entitled an act to provide for the improvement of the road from Reddie's river to the Tennessee line.

24. An act to incorporate the Whiteoak River Navigation Company.

25. An act to restore jury trials in the county courts of Cleaveland county.

26. An act to encourage the planting of oysters and clams.

27. An act to incorporate the Arendell Hotel Company, in Morehead City. [Capital stock, $200,000.]

28. An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a tract of land in the city of Raleigh, to be used for the purpose of courthouse and post office.

29. An act to incorporate the Pamplico Guards, a volunteer company in the town of Washington.

30. An act for the relief of such persons as may suffer from the destruction of the records of Pitt county, occasioned by the burning of the court house.

31. An act to improve a part of the public road from Wilkesboro' to Jefferson.

32. An act to incorporate Cedar Falls Company in Randolph county.

33. An act to repeal an act to change the time of holding the courts of pleas and quarter sessions for Chowan county, passed at the session of 1856-57.

34. An act to incorporate the Newbern Gaslight Company.

35. An act for the relief of the sureties of Joshua Sikes deceased, late sheriff of Union county. Allows the sureties to collect the taxes unpaid for 1854-'55.

36. An act for the protection of wild fowl in the waters of Currituck county. [Imposes a penalty of $25 for each offence for using any fire-arm larger than the ordinary shot-gun, or such guns as may be fired from the shoulder; also the same penalty for shooting fowls during the night time, or by fire-light—that is, between sundown and day-light.—Half the penalty to the State—the other half to the informer.]

37. An act to amend an act entitled an act to prevent the cutting of timber into the rivers of Cherokee county, passed at the session of 1840. [Applies to the law to Nottla river.]

38. An act to prohibit betting on elections—[Provides that any person betting on any election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.]

39. An act to extend the time for registering grants, deeds and other conveyances. [Extends the time two years.]

40. An act to amend an act entitled an act to create a Sinking Fund. [Alters the law so as to read "The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, or a *majority of them*.]

41. An act to revive an act passed at the session of 1848-'9, entitled an act to authorize Wm. R. Abbott to cut a canal and make a road thereon.

42. An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Statesville, in Iredell county.

43. An act to amend the charter of Little River Turnpike Company, in the county of Henderson. [Inserts "twenty" instead of "seventy" feet.]

44. An act to provide for running and marking the dividing line between the States of North Carolina and Virginia. [The Governor is to appoint a commissioner to act with the commissioner appointed by Virginia,—these to make a survey of the line, and mark it with some stone monuments, not exceeding five miles apart.]

45. An act concerning magistrates in Onslow and other counties. [Gives to twelve magistrates the powers of a majority, except in levying taxes and making appropriations.]

46. An act to authorize the courts of pleas and quarter sessions of Bertie county to impose and collect wharfage from all steamboats and other vessels landing or receiving passengers or produce or merchandise at the public wharf on the Chowan river, near Colerain, in said county.

47. An act to provide for the procuring of evidence against keepers, owners and dealers of Faro banks, Faro tables and gaming tables. [Gives power to justices, mayors of towns, intendents of police and judges of the supreme and superior courts, to compel the attendance of, and to examine on oath, any person or persons whom they have reason to believe has knowledge of any such Faro bank, table, &c.]

48. An act to extend the powers of the New river Navigation company.

49. An act to incorporate the Raleigh Gaslight company.

50. An act to encourage the formation of a military uniform company in the town of Wilmington.

51. An act to incorporate the Cape Fear and Deep river Navigation company.

52. An act to amend the 119th section of the 34th chapter of Revised Code. [Clerks, clerks and masters, sheriffs and other officers, wilfully neglecting their duties, to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and to be removed from office.]

53. An act to restore jury trials to the county courts of Lincoln county.

54. An act to incorporate the Portis gold mining company in Franklin county.

55. An act to incorporate the Cowen Mining and Manufacturing company.

56. An act to lay off and establish a new county by the name of Alleghany. [This county is erected out of a part of Ashe.]

57. An act to incorporate Lake Landing Canal company.

58. An act to amend an act entitled an act to charter the Fairfield Canal company.

59. An act to incorporate the Elm City Cadets, of the town of Newbern.

60. An act requiring the day of executing to be noted on justices process.

61. An act for the relief of Emily Hooper, of Liberia. [Permits her to return to slavery.]

62. An act to authorize and empower Solomon Klutts, administrator of Caleb Klutts, late sheriff of Rowan county, to collect arrears of taxes due said sheriff, during his term of office.

63. An act to provide for a more speedy distribution of the laws and journals of the General Assembly. [Provides that they shall be distributed by the Secretary of State in fifty days after their delivery to him.]

64. An act to incorporate the Warrenton Savings bank, in the town of Warrenton.

65. An act to grant to a company the lands covered by the waters of Hunter's creek lake, in the counties of Craven, Carteret and Jones, with power and authority to drain the same.

66. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Nantahala and Tuckasege Turnpike company.

67. An act to incorporate the Newbern Light Infantry.

68. An act to incorporate the Wilmington Hotel Company. [Capital stock $100,000.]

69. An act concerning jurors summoned by special writ of *venire* in Carteret and Jones county.—[Such jurors to receive the same compensation as is allowed to jurors summoned on an original *venire*.]

70. An act to incorporate the Dawson Steamboat Company.

71. An act to incorporate the McLendon's Creek Navigation Company, in the county of Moore.

72. An act to incorporate the Phoenix Mining Company, in Guilford county.

73. An act to incorporate Carthage Lodge, No. 181, Ancient York Masons.

74. An act to incorporate the Jones county Male and Female Seminary in the county of Jones.

75. An act to incorporate the Trans-Montane College in the county of Madison.

76. An act to incorporate the Christian Gold Mining Company.

77. An act to incorporate the Newbern and Baltimore Steamship Company.

78. An act to amend the charter of Normal College. [Changes the name to Trinity College, to be a literary institution for the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to have power to confer collegiate degrees, &c.]

79. An act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Salem, in Forsyth county.

80. An act to incorporate the Raleigh Gaslight Company.

81. An act to incorporate Jamestown, in the county of Guilford.

82. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Newton, in Catawba county.

83. An act concerning auctions and auctioneers. [Commissioners of incorporated towns to appoint auctioneers—in counties where there is no incorporated town, the county courts to appoint them.]

84. An act to amend the 29th section of the 34th chapter of the Revised Code. [Allows affidavit to be made before a clerk of the superior court, instead of before a magistrate as heretofore required.]

85. An act to alter the time of holding the courts of pleas and quarter sessions for the county of Jones. [Courts to be held the 4th Monday in March, June and September, and the 3d Monday in December.]

86. An act for the improvement of the roads in the counties of Henderson, Buncombe, Madison and Yancy. [Provides for an engineer in each county, to be appointed by a majority of the justices.]

87. An act to amend the 2d section of the 28th chapter of the Revised Code, entitled "County Revenue and Charges." [Gives power to a majority of the justices to allow the sheriff until the first court after the 31st of December in every year, to make settlement.]

88. An act to incorporate the Long Acre Guards, in Beaufort county.

89. An act to establish the 113th regiment of North-Carolina Militia, in the county of Wilson.

90. An act to incorporate the Salisbury Gaslight Company.

91. An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Chowee Turnpike Company.

92. An act to authorize the construction of a common enclosure around the lands of certain persons in the county of Person.

93. An act to amend the charter of the Oconaluftee Turnpike Company.

94. An act to incorporate the Oak City Savings bank.

95. An act to incorporate the trustees of the Renasville Female Seminary.

96. An act to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company. [Provides for State loans being exchanged for bonds of the company.]

97. An act to incorporate the Goldsboro' Mutual Insurance company.

98. An act authorizing the acting justices of Cumberland, Duplin and Craven counties to appoint special terms of the courts of pleas and quarter sessions for said counties.

99. An act to open the Pedee and Yadkin rivers for the passage of fish.

100. An act to authorize the county court of Caldwell county to sell the unsold lots in the town of Lenoir.

101. An act to authorize the Roanoke Navigation Company to discontinue the use of their canal around the grand falls of the Roanoke river, and to make sale of the real estate, water power and other privileges, between the towns of Gaston and Weldon.

102. An act to authorize the construction of a toll bridge across the Yadkin river, near Jonesville.

103. An act to abolish jury trials in the county courts of Cherokee and Jackson.

104. An act to incorporate the Cherokee county Turnpike Company, in Cherokee county.

105. An act for the better regulation of pilotage on the Cape Fear river and the bars.

105. An act to aid in the construction and equipment of the Western Railroad from Fayetteville to the coalfields. [The Treasurer to issue State bonds, running 30 years, for not more than $400,000, and to receive in exchange the bonds of the company—the State to have a lien upon all the estate of the company, secured by mortgage. Good and sufficient bonds to be deposited by the company with the Treasurer to secure the payment of the interest on the bonds of the company for the first two years, or until the road is completed, the president of the road to make oath that no part of the $400,000, obtained from the State, has been used to pay the interest on said bonds.]

107. An act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

108. An act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Richlands Academy, in Onslow County.

109. An act to incorporate Lindon Lodge, No. 137, of Ancient York Masons, in Lincolnton.

110. An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Kenansville, and to provide for the better government of said town.

111. An act to incorporate Rutherford Academy, in Burke county.

112. An act to incorporate the town of Winston, in Forsyth county.

113. An act to incorporate Tyan Coco Swamp Canal Company.

114. An act to amend the act of incorporation of the town of Edenton.

115. An act to incorporate the Edenton Library Association, in the town of Edenton.

116. An act to incorporate the town of High Point, in Guilford County.

117. An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Swansboro'.

118. An act to incorporate the Pitt county Female Institute.

119. An act to incorporate the Tennessee Valley Turnpike Company.

120. An act to incorporate Pollocksville Lodge, No. 175, of Free and accepted Masons, in the town of Pollocksville, Jones County.

121. An act for the better regulation of the town of Beaufort.

122. An act to incorporate Pleasant Grove Camp Ground, in Union county.

123. An act to amend the act of incorporation of the town of Elizabeth City.

124. An act to repeal an act entitled an act to abolish jury trials in the county courts of Polk county.

125. An act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors at or near Davidson College, and for other purposes.

126. An act to enable and authorize the sureties of John D. Abernathy, deceased, late sheriff of Duplin county, to collect arrears of taxes in said county.

127. An act to protect purchasers under judicial sales. [Any person let into possession under any judicial sale confirmed, where the title may be detained as a security for the price, shall be deemed the legal owner for the purpose of bringing suits for injuries thereto after the day of sale.]

128. An act to authorize the Petersburg and Roanoke Railroad company, to run a new road from Garysburg to Weldon, and for other purposes.

129. An act to amend the acts passed at the sessions of 1850-'51, 1854-'55 and 1856-'57, entitled an act to incorporate the Tuckasege and Keowee Turnpike road company.

130. An act to amend the incorporation of the Fayetteville Light Infantry company. [Exempts its members from serving as jurors.]

131. An act to incorporate the Black Mountain Turnpike company.

132. An act to amend an act to incorporate the Catawba College.

133. An act supplemental to an act to lay off and establish the county of Alleghany.

134. An act to extend the term of Rowan Superior Court to two weeks.

135. An act to incorporate the town of Lillington, New Hanover county.

136. An act to amend an act incorporating the Yanceyville Plankroad Company.

137. An act to prevent the felling of timber in the waters of Second, Third, Fourth, and Wither's Creeks in Rowan county.

138. An act to incorporate the Baltimore and Montgomery Mining Company.

139. An act to extend the time of perfecting titles to land heretofore entered. [Extends time to January 1, 1861.]

140. An act to incorporate the Alamance Goldmining and Manufacturing Company.

141. An act to establish the Bank of Salisbury. [Capital stock not to exceed $500,000.]

142. An act concerning the custody of minor children in certain cases. [Gives the judge or court discretionary power as to who shall have the custody of such minors and for what time.]

143. An act to amend an act, entitled an act, to charter the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company.

144. An act to incorporate the Salem Mutual Insurance Company.

145. An act to lay off and improve the road from the Elkin Factory, in Surry county, to Enoch Vannoy's mill in Wilkes county.

146. An act to change the time for holding the courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Forsythe county. [After the third Monday in March next, said court to be held on the first Mondays of June, September, December and March.]

147. An act to incorporate the Jonesville Male and Female High Schools, in Yadkin county.

148. An act to amend an act entitled an act, to incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, passed at the session of 1854-'55, and also an act amendatory thereof, passed at the session of 1856-'57. [Provides for a survey through the valleys of the Pigeon and Tuckasege rivers, &c.]

149. An act to amend the charter, and revive and consolidate, the acts relating to the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

150. An act concerning the town of Trenton, in Jones county.

151. An act to enlarge the powers of married women over their estates in certain cases. [Provides for the settlement of personal property on the wife in certain cases.]

152. An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over the sites of light-houses and beacons on the line of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal.

153. An act to incorporate the Hobey Mining and Smelting Company.

154. An act to incorporate the Montgomery Mining Company.

155. An act to incorporate Way-ye-hutta Mining and Manufacturing Company.

156. An act to incorporate the Peter Mining and Manufacturing Company.

157. An act to amend an act entitled an act, to amend an act, entitled an act, to incorporate the town of Goldsboro', also to extend the limits thereof, and for other purposes.

158. An act to incorporate the Rockingham Coalfields Railroad company. [Runs from Danville, Va. to the Coalfields in Rockingham.]

159. An act concerning the Cape Fear and Deep River Improvement. [In case of a sale of said improvement the Governor is authorized to purchase it at a cost not exceeding $450,000. Appropriates $50,000 a year for two years to keep up the works, in case of its purchase, by the Governor. Former liens on the works, of $65,000, to be paid by the State. Former expenditures by the State to be deducted from the purchase money.]

160. An act to incorporate the town of Gold Hill, in Rowan county.

161. An act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Williamston, and for other purposes.

162. An act to establish the Bank of Commerce. [To be located at Newbern, with a capital of $600,000. A branch to be established at Goldsborough.]

163. An act to appoint a tax collector in the counties of Robeson and Bladen.

164. An act for the better security of titles to land and other property.

165. An act to incorporate the Lower Little river and Crane's Creek Navigation Company.

166. An act to incorporate the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company, in the town of Wilmington.

167. An act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish a Superior Court for the county of Harnett.

168. An act to incorporate the town of Leicester, in Buncombe county.

169. An act to incorporate the Mechanics' and Farmer's Institute, located in the town of Asheville.

170. An act to incorporate Bascom College, in Buncombe county.

171. An act to appoint a special magistrate for Rowan county.

172. An act to limit the powers of constables for the counties of Cherokee and Robeson.

173. An act to amend the charter of the town of Charlotte.

174. An act to amend an act supplemental to an act to establish Harnett county.

175. An act to amend an act to appoint commissioners to lay off a road from Brown's ford, on the Yadkin, in Wilkes county.

176. An act to change the No. 107 Regiment for Watauga county, to No. 95.

177. An act in favor of certain enterers of Cherokee lands.

178. An act concerning Common Schools.

179. An act concerning the powers of the County Courts.

180. An act to repeal a portion of the 9th sec. of the 70th Chap. Revised Code, entitled militia.

181. An act to amend the charter of the Charlotte and Taylorsville Plankroad Company.

182. An act to increase the pay of witnesses in Lenoir county.

183. An act to prevent making obstructions in Swift Creek, in Edgecombe county.

184. An act to lay off and establish two roads in McDowell and Yancey.

185. An act to amend sec. 17, chap. 119, Revised Code, entitled Wills and Testaments.

186. An act to facilitate the collection of taxes on real estate.

187. An act to pay jurors in Jackson county.

188. An act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors to free persons of color.

189. An act to incorporate the Washington Gaslight company.

190. An act to repeal an act, to lay off and establish a road in Davie and Davidson counties, and to establish a ferry across Yadkin river.

191. An act to revive the charter of a company to construct a railroad from Beaufort harbor to Fayetteville.

192. An act to further regulate the inspectors of flour in this State.

193. An act to incorporate the Coal Mining Company.

194. An act to provide for *feme covert* lunatics abandoned by their husbands.

195. An act to incorporate the Fayetteville N. C. Savings Bank.

196. An act for the relief of Common School District, No. 27, in Orange, and No. 20, in Wake.

197. An act to incorporate Carolina City Steam Navigation Company.

198. An act to incorporate Mars Hill College, in Madison county.

199. An act concerning the town of Wilmington.

200. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Cape Fear.

201. An act to incorporate the Lincolnton Copper Company.

202. An act to authorize the incorporation of companies for agricultural [illegible] purposes.

203. An act to incorporate the Old Topsail Sound and Navigation Company.

204. An act to incorporate the Fayetteville Branch of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad company.

205. An act to fix the times of holding the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Watauga.

206. An act to amend the charter of Farmer's bank of N. C.

207. An act for the better regulation of the town of Smithville, in Brunswick county.

208. An act to establish the Bank of North-Carolina. [Capital stock $3,000,000. Of this amount the Literary Board is to take $500,000, the University $200,000, and the remainder by individuals. Books to be opened immediately in Raleigh and at other points. Capital to be paid in specie. The Bank not to issue more than $3 for $1, and always to keep specie on hand equal to one-third its circulation. Not to issue any note less than $5, and future Legislatures may restrict to $10. All notes redeemable where issued. Branches to be established by stockholders. Suspension to be attended by 12 per cent. damages to note-holders, and forfeiture of 6 per cent. to the State unless suspension is advised by the Governor and Council. Bank to keep the Treasury deposits and to loan him $300,000. The tax to be paid to the State similar to that now imposed on the Bank of Cape Fear.]

209. An act to establish the Bank of Lexington. [To be located in Lexington, Davidson county, with a capital of $500,000. A branch to be established at Graham.]

210. An act to establish the Bank of Salisbury. [Capital stock $500,000, with branches at Statesville and Mount Airy.]

RESOLUTIONS.

1. A resolution concerning the Executive mansion. [Provides for selling old furniture, lighting the mansion with gas, repainting and whitewashing. Appropriates $3000 and the proceeds of sale of furniture.]

2. Resolution in favor of S. G. Hayward. [Allows per diem as a member of the Legislature to Dec. 15, 1858.]

3. Resolution in favor of Judge Nash's Executor. [Allows him to draw the last quarter's salary of Judge Nash.]

4. Resolution in favor of Donald Fraser. [Returns him $40, excess of store tax paid by him.]

5. Resolution authorizing certain repairs in the House of Commons.

6. Resolution concerning the distribution of Emmons' report.

7. Resolution approving the naval commission of the United States, appointed to examine the Coal Fields, and for other purposes.

8. Resolution concerning the Revised Code. [Gives twenty copies for the use of Senate committees, and fifty copies for the use of House committees.]

9. Resolution in favor of Joseph Marshall, sheriff of Stanly county. [Authorizes the public treasurer to refund to him $66.67, the amount overpaid by him in settling his taxes.]

10. Resolution authorizing the Governor to furnish arms to military schools.

11. Resolution authorizing the governor to furnish arms to the Franklin Military School in Duplin county.

12. Resolution in favor of G. W. Hampton, late sheriff of Buncombe county. [Discharges him from the penalty of $1,000 incurred by a mistake made by the county court clerk in rendering abstract of taxes.]

13. Resolution in relation to the Library. [Authorizes the construction of additional shelves.]

14. Resolution appropriating the rear west room in the gallery of the Senate chamber to the use of the governor.

15. Resolution in favor of G. M. Albright, of Alamance. [Treasurer to refund him $9 72.]

16. Resolution in favor of John Caldwell's executor. [Refunds him $61 40, excess of taxes overpaid.]

17. Resolution in favor of F. D. Nichols, of Johnston county. [Refunds him $25, excess of taxes overpaid by him.]

18. Resolution in favor of L. S. Webb, R. J. Latham and F. W. Moore, trustees of G. L. Moore. [Refunds $[illegible].]

19. Resolution in favor of H. H. Davidson, sheriff of Cherokee county. [illegible]

20. Resolution in favor of Elias Barnes, late sheriff of Wilson county. [Refunds him $48 51.]

21. Resolution authorizing the Governor of the State to receive a flag tendered to the State of North Carolina by Lieut. Maffitt, of the United States Navy.

22. Resolution to pay the legal representatives of Harriet F. Wentz, deceased, the amount due him as teacher of school district, No. 19, in Rockingham county.

23. Resolution in favor of Sarah A. Hudson. [Returns her $11 25, amount overpaid in taxes.]

24. Resolution in favor of Theodore Shrader. [Returns him $26 21.]

25. Resolution in favor of James A. Vinson, former sheriff of Johnston county. [Returns him $60.88.]

26. Resolution in favor of A. J. James. [Refunds him $25—overpaid taxes.]

27. Resolution in favor of Elisha Holland. [Refunds $[illegible]—overpaid taxes.]

28. Resolution for the relief of Solomon M. Wray, high sheriff of the county of Yancey. [Releases him from the penalty of $1,000 for not settling his tax account, provided he fully discharges the said account against him. This resolution to apply also to Jackson Stewart, former sheriff of said county.]

29. Resolution in favor of common schools of Randolph county. [The public treasurer to pay $150 to the chairman of common schools of said county, amount retained by mistake for the asylum of the deaf, dumb and the blind.]

30. Resolution for the relief of Jackson Stewart, former sheriff of Yancey county. [Same provisions as in case of Solomon M. Wray.]

31. Resolution in favor of Henry Van Gieson and H. Baker. [Refunds the former $17 [illegible], and the latter $10—taxes overpaid.]

32. Resolution in favor of Thomas Cowles. [Refunds $2 50.]

33. Resolution in favor of Robert C. [illegible]. [Refunds $14 [illegible].]

34. Resolution in favor of C. S. White, of Cabarrus county. [Refunds $[illegible].]

35. Resolution in favor of W. Watson. [Pays an account of $[illegible].]

36. Resolution in regard to dredge boat in New Berne. [Gives [illegible] boat to the town of Beaufort to dredge out a straight [illegible] the terminus of the Atlantic and N. C. Railroad.]

37. Resolution in favor of W. J. W. Crowder. [Refunds $100.]

38. Resolution in favor of W. S. [illegible], of Haywood county. [illegible] collection of Cherokee bonds to pay him $[illegible].]

39. Resolution concerning the distribution of the Revised Code. [Gives it to Magistrates who have qualified since the former distribution.]

40. Resolution in favor of John Wilson, of Alamance county.

41. Resolution in favor of Jas. West, of Caswell.

42. Resolution in favor of E. Kidder.

43. Resolution in favor of Geo. S. Briggs.

44. Resolution in favor of Wm. Thompson.

45. Resolution of instructions to the treasurer concerning appropriations and the revenue.

CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

SALISBURY, N. C.

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1860.

THE REPORT ON THE N. C. RAILROAD.

We have seen a copy of the Report of the Joint Select Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of this Road. It is signed by J. Worth, Chairman, L. A. Mills, Edwin D. Drake and D. D. Ferebee. Mr. Green, one other member of this Committee, declined signing said report, not because said report sets forth any thing incorrectly or improperly; but because, as we learn, the report for lack of time, &c., was not as thorough as it ought to be—did not comprise every thing, or go far enough.

The Committee investigated the *McRae* contract, a very large transaction on the Eastern end of the line—and present facts in the case which show that the Company sustained considerable damage, for which the President of the Road and the Directors are blamable. Mr. Fisher was then a Director, and was on the Committee which effected a final settlement with the McRae Company. In his reply to the Report of the Investigating Committee, a copy of which we have not seen, we learn he has given a satisfactory explanation of this transaction.

The Committee show that of the $47,000 worth of wood on hand, as reported by Mr. Fisher in July, 1857, nearly all was contracted for under his administration; and they think the Company has lost by the rotting of this wood, and by fires breaking out along the road.

The Committee show mismanagement in acquiring right of way over a portion of certain lots in the town of Raleigh, and in transactions with Trollinger. They report against the running of the Express train, as a clear loss to the Company of several thousand dollars a year. They report unauthorized proceedings in regard to fixing the rate of interest at 6 per cent on the $150,000 loan, and irregularity in compliance with the requirement to set apart funds for the payment of this debt. They report against the policy of building "a town" at the Company Shops, and say they can find no recommendation of the Chief Engineer for such an expenditure; nor can they ascertain the cost of each or either of the 32 buildings erected there. The rate of rent fixed on these buildings by the Directors is 6 per cent on cost. The Committee suggest the Company ought not to borrow money at 6 per cent to be invested in buildings at a rent of only 6 per cent on cost, which have so far entirely failed to pay even this sum.

We have not room to pursue this subject further at present. The Committee conclude their report by saying, after making due allowance for errors, they think the facts disclosed, warrant the conclusion that the road has been badly managed—by the President and Directors—in the particulars which they had been able to examine. The Committee report hindrances in making their investigation, caused by the President and the clerks, &c.

How far Mr. Fisher's reply to this Report exonerates him from blame, we have had no means of knowing, as we have not seen it; but when we shall know, we will advert to this subject again.

☞ We have had to print on a small sheet again this week. The next will be right.

☞ The Legislature has adjourned, and we publish to-day the Captions to the Acts, to the exclusion of almost every thing else.

☞ There will be a public lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association, by the Rev. Mr. [illegible], at the Lutheran Church, next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

☞ WYMAN, the celebrated Magician, gave several exhibitions in Murphy's Hall last week, and had full houses all the time. He is going south.