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CAPTIONS.

Of the Laws passed by the Legisla-
ture of North Carolina, at its late
Session.

PUBLIC ACTS.

1. An act to allow further time for the payment of the purchase money on entails for vacant land made in the year 1824, which elapsed on the 15th day of December, 1826.

2. To make private acts printed by the Printer of the State evidence in the Courts of this State.

3. Concerning net stakes in Pamlico River and Core Sound in Carteret county.

4. To validate all grants issued by the Secretary of State from the 29th day of November, 1825, to the 20th day of December, 1826.

5. To explain an act passed in 1822 to authorise the County Courts to require administrators and others to give other or counter security upon the petition of their securities.

6. Supplemental to an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, to cede to the United States a certain tract of land called Bogue's Banks. [Prescribes the mode of distributing the money received from the General Government to those who owned the ceded lands]

7. Appropriating \$4000 dollars for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Cape Fear River below Wilmington.

8. Relating to the exercise of the right of challenge in certain cases Gives to the defendant the assistance of counsel in selecting the Jury.]

9. To repeal an act passed in 1820 directing the County Courts to pay fees to certain officers therein named, in certain cases, so far as relates to the counties mentioned in the act. [Guilford, Surry, Ashe, Wilkes, Bladen and Haywood.]

10. To prevent frauds and perjuries in certain cases. [After first of January, 1828, no action shall be brought whereby to charge any Executor or Administrator, upon any special promise which may be made, to answer damages out of his own estate or to charge the defendant upon any special promise to answer the debt, default or miscarriage of another person, unless the agreement upon which such action shall be brought, shall be in writing.]

11. Allowing compensation to Coroners in certain cases. [Provides that if any free white person or slave shall be found dead in any county, it shall be the duty of the Coroner to have said body decently interred, if the relatives of the white person or the owner of the slave re-

fuse to do it, for which he shall receive a compensation of \$10.)

12. Further to amend an act passed in 1812, making the protest of Notary Public evidence in certain cases. [Makes the protest evidence of a demand.]

13. To repeal part of the 3d section of an act passed 1820, to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace. (Repeals the section requiring the Defendant to plead in abatement, and makes it the duty of the Court, when actions shall hereafter be brought on bonds, promissary notes and liquidated accounts under \$100, to dismiss the suits.)

14. To alter the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly. (Repeals the law of last session, and fixes the 3d Monday of November as the day on which it shall hereafter meet.)

15. Limiting the time within which certain offences shall be prosecuted, and prescribing the duty of Grand Jurors relative thereto. (Provides, that no bill of indictment shall be found or presentment made, in cases of trespass and misdemeanor, except perjury, forgery, malicious mischief and deceit, where such offences shall have been committed three years anterior thereto, unless where the persons committing such offences, shall have absconded or concealed themselves, or have committed them in secret.)

16. To aid the Clubfoot and Harlow's Creek Canal Company. (Lends them \$12,000 to complete their work, to be repaid, the interest annually, and one half of the principal at the end of ten years, and the remainder at the expiration of fifteen years.)

17. To prevent free persons of color from migrating into this State, for the good government of such persons resident therein, and for other purposes. (No free negro or mulatto hereafter to migrate to this State, or if they do and shall not remove in twenty days after notice given, upon conviction of the fact, shall be liable to a penalty of \$500; and upon failure to pay the same, to be liable to held in servitude and at labor for a term not exceeding ten years, the proceeds of such labor to be paid to the County Trustee for county purposes. If any persons of the above description, come into the State, contrary to the provisions of this act, they may be arrested and carried before some Justice, who shall take good security for their appearance at the next court, and in default thereof shall commit them to jail. If after the expiration of the term of service for which such free negro or mulatto shall have been bound, they remain in the State thirty days, they shall be again liable to the same penalties. Imposes a penalty of \$500 on every person (except masters of vessels, who employ them as hands, and servants travelling with gentlemen) who brings any free negro or mulatto into the State. Provides that all idle dissipated free negroes and mulattoes, shall be arrested and give security that they will pursue some honest means of obtaining a livelihood, or failing to do so shall be hired out by the County Court, for a term of time, which to them may seem reasonable and just, not exceeding three years. Provides that all persons hiring these free negroes shall give them food and

sufficient clothing and food, treat them with humanity, and teach them some mechanical trade or some useful employment, and shall not move them from the county.)

18. Authorising the President and Directors of the Literary Fund to raise money by way of lottery. (Authorises them to raise \$50,000 one half of which is to be applied to aiding A. D. Murphey to publish his history of the State, and the other half to the Literary Fund—provided Mr. Murphey relinquishes the privileges accruing from the Lottery granted him at the last session, and enters into bond that in case of his death, all the papers of this undertaking, shall be vested in the State.)

19. Concerning Executors, Administrators and Guardians. (Provides, that when any suit shall be brought against Executors, &c. it shall be competent for the parties to submit the same for arbitration.)

20. To authorise the building of a Steam boat to be used on the river Roanoke, and the waters of Albemarle & Pamlico Sounds, and the waters of James River and Chesapeake Bay, and to incorporate a company for that purpose. (Authorises Cadwallader Jones and Andrew Joiner, to open books for individual subscriptions for this purpose, not to exceed 15,000 dollars, in shares of 50 dollars, each.)

21. To prevent litigation by regulating costs in actions of assault and battery.—(Provides, that where the Plaintiff recovers less than 4 dollars in damages, he shall not be entitled to recover more costs than damages.)

22. To incorporate the Newbern Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

23. To alter an act passed at the last session, to provide a revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent charges of government. Reduces the tax on Pedlars on the navigable streams south side of the Albemarle Sound to \$5.

24. To revive and continue in force an act passed in 1824, for the relief of Purchasers of Cherokee land sold under the authority of the State. Extends the time until the meeting of the next Assembly.

25. To prohibit the trading with Slaves, except in the manner therein mentioned. (Provides that after the 1st day of May next, if any person shall buy of any slave, shall forfeit \$100, to be recovered by warrant—provided, that it may be lawful for any person in the day time only to receive from any slave, such articles, as they may have permission in writing from their owners to sell, all violations of this act are indictable offences, punishable with fine and imprisonment. Imposes a penalty of \$100 on any person who shall give a fraudulent permit in writing to any slave. If any slave or free negro sell to or receive from another, property prohibited in this bill they shall receive thirty-nine lashes. If any slave shall be found in any shop, between 9 o'clock at night, or before day break, or on Sunday or at any time, (unless sent) where they shall have remained 15 minutes or if they shall be seen to carry into shop, &c. any article supposed for sale and not bring the same out, it shall be received as presumptive evidence against the person owning the shop, of a violation of this act, unless rebutted by other circumstances.)

26. To amend the laws regulating

as respects the counties therein named

27. Prescribing the time in which presumption of payment, satisfaction or abandonment of claims shall arise. [Fixes the time at ten years.]

28. To perpetuate the evidence of the claim of the State of North Carolina to such shares or stock in the several Banks and other corporations as have been or hereafter shall be purchased for the use of the said State. [Directs the Secretary of State to register in a book such certificates of Stock, as the Treasurer has received from any Corporation as evidence of the purchase]

29. Concerning the entry of Marsh and Swamp Land (No entry to be made of such lands, where the quantity does not exceed fifty acres in one body and that situated between lines of tracts)

30. To amend an act passed in 1823, declaring what Hogshead and Barrel Staves are merchantable

31. For the protection of securities in certain cases. [Directs Sheriffs, Constables, &c. to levy in the first place on the property of the principal, before having recourse to the security.]

32. Prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the lands lately acquired from the Cherokee Indians. [Authorises the Governor to appoint Commissioners to have surveyed and to sell such of the lands as remain unsold, as in the estimate of the Commissioners, may be worth 50 cents per acre.]

33. Concerning draining Swamp lands. [Provides for the surveys of the different swamps, and for the draining of one or more of them, and authorises the raising of 50,000 dollars by lottery, not to commence till 25,000 dollars are raised.]

34. To aid the opening and completing the state road, leading from Huntsville in Surry County to the Virginia line, by the way of Bowers' Store. [Appropriates \$500 for this purpose.]

PRIVATE ACTS.

1. An act to incorporate an Academy, on the lands of Seth Jones in the county of Wake by the name of "Pomona Academy."

2. To change the time and regulate the manner of holding the County Courts of Haywood.

3. For the better regulation of the County Courts of Nash and Northampton.

4. For the better regulation of the Town of Concord in the county of Cabarrus.

5. To establish Cambridge Academy in the county of Lenoir, and incorporate the Trustees thereof.

6. To repeal an act passed in 1825, to repeal an act passed in 1823, making compensation to the Jurors of the Superior and County Courts of Moore, Carteret and Bertie, so far as it relates to the county of Bertie.

7. To legitimate certain persons therein named

8. To authorise Benjamin W. Williams of Moore county, to erect a Bridge across Deep River.

9. To amend an act passed in 1818 to authorise the Wardens of the poor, to build a poor-house in the county of Beaufort, to regulate the keeper of the same and for other purposes.

10. Appointing Commissioners to erect a building in the town of Lincoln for the accommodation of Jurors

11. To establish Bachelors Academy in the county of Martin and to incorporate the Trustees thereof.

12. To incorporate the Franklin Library Society of Buffalo, in Lincoln county.

13. To repeal an act passed in 1825, changing the time of laying the county