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LAWS of NORTH-CAROLINA,
Passed at the Session of the General Assembly just closed.

An Act to cede to the United States the jurisdiction of the land therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, at their last session, passed an act providing among other things, for the erection of a light-house on or near the pitch of Cape Look-out, in this State, and it is expedient that the United States should have exclusive jurisdiction of the land whereon the same is to stand,

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the exclusive jurisdiction of four acres of land lying near the pitch of Cape Look out, in the county of Carteret, in this State, beginning at a cedar and running north eighty three degrees, east twenty five poles and four tenths of a pole to a live oak, then south seven degrees, east twenty five poles and four tenths of a pole to a post, then south eighty three degrees, west twenty five poles and four tenths of a pole to a post, and thence to the beginning, shall be, and is hereby ceded to the United States, as soon as they shall obtain the title thereof from the proprietor or proprietors.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the said jurisdiction is ceded to the United States upon the express condition that a light-house shall be erected thereon within five years, and be continued and kept up forever thereafter, for the public use.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to debar or hinder any of the officers of this State from serving any process or levying executions within the limits of which the jurisdiction is by this act ceded to the United States, in the same manner and to the same effect as if this act had never been made.

An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act empowering the County Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions to direct the Secretary of State to correct certain patents or grants thereof, when there have been errors by the Surveyors, the Surveyors, the Secretary in issuing the same."

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether from the wording of the said act, the benefits therein given can be extended to any other persons than the patentee or claimant in whose name grants are or have been issued,

BE it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the benefits granted by said act to the patentees of land, shall be extended in all cases to every person claiming by, from or under their grant or grants, either by descent, devise or purchase.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That when any error is ordered to be rectified, and the same has been carried through from the grant into the minute book of the court making such order, shall direct that a copy thereof be recorded in the register's books of the county, for which service the register may demand and receive the sum of two shillings.

An Act to repeal part of the fourteenth clause or section of an act, entitled "An act to remedy certain inconveniences arising under the present land laws," passed at the session of the General Assembly begun and held on the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That that part of the said fourteenth clause or section which relates to the perfecting titles on entries afterwards to be made, to wit, "And in all cases of entries which may be hereafter made, it shall be the duty of the claimant or owner, surveying the same as aforesaid, to complete his title by taking out a grant for the same, or so much thereof as may be found to be vacant land, within two years from the date of such entry, otherwise such entry and claim shall then become utterly null and void, so far as relates to the property in the said land, and the lands included therein shall be held and deemed vacant land to all intents and purposes, as fully as if such entry had never been made," be, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the attestation thereof.

An Act to continue in force an act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to continue longer in force and to amend an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled An act directing the Judges of the Superior Courts to meet together to settle questions of law or equity arising on the circuit, and to provide for the trial of persons concerned in certain frauds."

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, an act of the General Assembly, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to continue longer in force and to amend an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled An act directing the Judges of the Superior Courts to meet together to settle questions of law or equity arising on the circuit, and to provide for the trial of persons concerned in certain frauds," be, and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and virtue: And that the Judges shall so arrange the findings among themselves, that one of the Judges of the Superior Courts shall attend any of the Superior Courts of law and equity, that they shall interchange their ridings alternately, so that no one of them shall attend the same court, or any one of said courts, twice in succession. And one Judge of the said courts shall hereafter have full power and authority to hold said courts, and determine all cases both in law and equity, depending, or hereafter to depend in the same, and to do every thing therein which the case may require.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the Judges of the said Court of Conference shall not only reduce their opinions to writing, and file the same in the Clerk's Office, as heretofore directed by law, but that the Judges of the said court shall likewise, when their opinions are made, deliver the same *viva voce* in open court. That the said court shall be deemed a Court of Record, and that the papers and records belonging to the clerk's office of said court, shall hereafter be constantly kept within the city of Raleigh; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act specifying the duties and salary of Public Printer.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen with respect to the duties to be performed by the Public Printer under the annual salary allowed him by law:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall be the duty of the Public Printer to print a sufficient number of the journals of each session of the General Assembly to supply each member thereof with one copy, and the offices of the Governor, Treasurer, Secretary and Comptroller, with each a copy, and one other copy for each of the Clerks of the General Assembly; a sufficient number of the Acts passed at each session to serve each Member of the General Assembly with one copy, also one copy for each of the public offices and clerks as aforesaid, one copy for every Judge and Clerk of the superior courts, one for the Attorney and Solicitor-General each, one for every Clerk and Master in Equity, and one copy for every Justice of the Peace, County-court Clerk, Sheriff and Coroner throughout the State, and one copy for the Executive of each State in the Union. It shall also be the duty of the Public Printer, without making any extra charge therefor, to print for the use of the two Houses of the General Assembly whilst in session, copies for every member thereof of the rules of their respective houses, and of such public bills, resolutions, reports or messages, as they may from time to time direct, as well as a copy of the titles of the laws passed at the close of each session, certificates for the attendance of the members, and alphabetical lists of the names of the members for the use of the clerks. And it shall be the further duty of the Public Printer, to publish in the State Gazette, as soon as may be after the close of each session, all the acts of a public nature which have been passed, as well as any Proclamation which may at any time be issued by his Excellency the Governor of this State.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the further duty of the Public Printer, to have the Laws and Journals of each session printed, and ready for delivery, within ninety days from the close of every session; and when thus finished and addressed to every Member of Assembly, Justice of the Peace, and others entitled to receive them, shall be packed up in parcels for each county, and delivered by trusty persons employed by the Public Printer, to the Clerks of every county court in this State, or in the absence of such clerk, to some proper person in his behalf, whose receipt for the same he shall deliver to the Comptroller, before he shall be considered as having fulfilled the duties of his office.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the Public Printer shall be allowed the sum of five hundred pounds annually, in full compensation for the aforesaid enumerated services, together with an extra allowance of forty shillings for each and every county in the State, for distributing the Laws and Journals as herein before directed, which shall be paid him, one half thereof at the rise of each session of the General Assembly, and the other half at the rise of the next session, provided he shall have complied with the provisions of this act in the distribution of the laws and journals aforesaid.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all acts and clauses of acts that come within the meaning and purview of this act, are hereby repealed and made void.

An Act for the relief of foreign Seamen brought into the port of Wilmington.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that some of the seamen composing the crews of foreign vessels arriving in the port of Wilmington, are discharged from their vessels by reason of sickness or incapacity for duty, and are left in the town of said port in a sick and helpless condition, without any means of support, whereby they suffer for want of relief, and in many cases become burthensome to the inhabitants of said town: For remedy whereof,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the master or commander of every foreign vessel which shall enter the port of Wilmington, shall exhibit to the harbour-master of said port, on oath, which the said harbour-master is hereby authorized to administer, a list of his crew or ship's company, a copy of which list, with the certificate of the said harbour-master that the same has been sworn to, the said captain or commander shall exhibit to the collector of the said port of Wilmington, before he shall be entitled to an entry at the custom-house; and before he shall be entitled to clear out his vessel from said custom-house, the said captain shall exhibit on oath as aforesaid to the said harbour-master, a list of the crew or ship's company with which he intends to leave the said port; and if any of the seamen which made a part of the ship's crew or company on her arrival, shall not appear on said list, the said captain shall declare on oath the cause thereof, and if it shall appear that any of them have been discharged or put on shore by reason of sickness or incapacity to perform duty on board said vessel, then and in that case, the said captain, his owner or consignee, shall enter into bond with sufficient security, to be judged of by the said harbour-master, payable to the wardens of the poor for the county of New-Hanover, in the sum of one hundred pounds for each and every seaman discharged or put ashore as aforesaid, conditioned that each and every seaman so discharged or put ashore, shall be supported and taken due care of until his health is so restored as to be in a condition, by his labour or by any trade which he may profess, to earn or procure a subsistence.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the bonds taken in pursuance of this act shall, by the harbour-master of the said port of Wilmington, be delivered over to the wardens of the poor of the county of New-Hanover; and in case of the failure of the obligors to support the seamen for whose support they shall have become bound, the said wardens shall administer support and relief to the same as paupers of the county. And the said wardens of the poor shall, and are hereby authorized and empowered, in case of failure as aforesaid, in their name as wardens of the county of New-Hanover, to institute and prosecute suit or suits on said bonds in any court of record having jurisdiction thereof; and the sum recovered shall be considered and applied as a fund to and for the use of the poor of said county; and a demand made by the said wardens by themselves, their agent, or attorney, on the said obligors, or any one of them, and a refusal to advance the sum which shall be required for one month's support of any of such seamen, shall be received and considered as sufficient evidence of the failure and breach of the conditions of any bond given as aforesaid, in any court in which a suit thereon shall be sued and prosecuted.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not be in force until the same is ratified and confirmed by an act of the Congress of the United States.