



"Our state the plans of fair, delightful Peace,  
"Unwar'd by party rage, to live like Brothers."

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### CAPTIONS OF THE LAWS

Passed by the Legislature of North-Carolina, at their late session.

### ACTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE.

1. An Act declaring valid the proceedings of the subscribers for opening the navigation of Roanoke river and its waters, at a general meeting called at the town of Halifax on the 4th Monday in October, 1816, and for other purposes.
2. To amend an act for the appointment of Auctioneers, passed in 1806. [Gives the Commissioners of the several towns power to appoint as many Auctioneers as they please.]
3. To provide for the appointment of Clerks of the Superior Courts of Law and Clerks and Masters in Equity, during the recess of said Courts. [To be appointed by the Senior Judge in the Circuit, or if no Judge in the Circuit, by the Chief Justice.]
- Supplemental to an act to prevent the circulation of small Promissory Notes or Due Bills. [The penalty is 10¢ on the payer or receiver of a Due Bill after the first of July next, and the issuers of unauthorised bank notes are made liable to prosecution, fine & imprisonment.]
5. To enable guardians to recover compound interest in certain cases. [Guardians are entitled to recover compound interest on all notes, &c. given to them in that capacity, in the same manner as if annually renewed.]
6. Concerning the navigation of Tar River. [The Treasurer, in behalf of the State, is authorised to subscribe 8,000 dollars on the books of the company.]
7. Concerning field officers of the militia. [So as to agree with the regulations of the U. States.]
8. Concerning the navigation of Catawba River. [The Treasurer is authorised to subscribe for the State in this Company, \$5,000.]
9. For the better regulation and appointment of county court officers. [Requiring a certain number of Justices to be present when appointed.]
10. To establish a superior court of law and court of equity in the county of Columbus, and for other purposes.
11. Concerning the navigation of Yadkin River. [The State takes stock to the amount of \$25,000 in this Company.]
12. To compel retailers of spirituous liquors to take a licence from the county court, and for other purposes.
15. To amend an act to amend the several processioning laws now in force, passed in the year 1792. [Prosecution to receive the same fees as county surveyors. The oath to be taken by the jury may be administered by the processioner.]
14. Allowing further time for registering grants, proving deeds, &c.
15. To control and test lapsed legacies, in certain cases. [Provides that when property is left to a child, his heirs, &c. and such child shall die before the testator, such property shall vest in the issue of such child.]
16. To direct the disposal of negroes, mulattoes and persons of colour, imported into this State, contrary to the provisions of an act of Congress to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the U. States, from and after the 1st of Jan. 1808. [The marshal is directed to sell them.]
17. To amend an act passed in the year 1810, to amend an additional act to an act, entitled "Feme Coverts how to pass lands." [Extends the provisions of the act of 1810 to the district of Columbia, the authentication to be made by the Secretary of State.]
18. For raising a Revenue for the expenses of Government for the year 1817. [The taxes are the same as last year, except that pedlars are to pay \$25 for each county, and all slaves brought into, or thro' the State, whether sold or not, are to pay a tax of \$5, and no land for taxes shall be given in by the owner at less than the Federal valuation.]
19. To alter and amend the charter of the State Bank of N. Carolina. [This act provides for the issuing of \$30,000 in small Treasury Notes, to be paid over to the State Bank, in part of the State's deferred debt.]
20. To annex a part of Beaufort to the county of Martin.
21. Concerning the Dismal Swamp Canal Company. [Giving them a further time of 7 years to complete their work, and liberty to increase their stock.]

22. To amend and explain an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, with respect to the imprisonment of their persons, passed in 1773, c. 4. [Declaring that any justice is competent to administer the debtor's oath, tho' the person may be imprisoned under an execution from another county.]
23. To amend an act passed in 1814, concerning divorce & alimony. [Provides that wherever a decree of separation is made by court, it shall secure to the wife such property as she may thereafter acquire.]
24. To extend the time for the several surveyors of this State to complete their returns upon entries made and paid for since the year 1790. [Allowed till 1818.]
25. To amend the laws now in force, respecting the trial of slaves in capital cases. [In such cases the Superior Courts to have exclusive jurisdiction; to have the right of challenge by their owners or counsel, and to have the right of removing their trials.]
26. For removing logs, shoals and other impediments in Tar River, below Washington, and for other purposes. [The collector of the port to receive from vessels drawing 7 feet water & upwards 20 cents an inch. The money to be expended in removing logs, &c.]
27. Declaring the duty of clerks, & for other purposes. [Requiring clerks of county courts to issue summonses to guardians who fail to account.]
28. To provide a suitable punishment for persons convicted of felonies within clergy. [Instead of burning in the hand, whipping and fine to be substituted.]
29. For opening the communication between the Yadkin and Cape Fear Rivers. [The State is to subscribe in this stock \$20,000.]
30. Concerning public jails, court-houses and stocks. [Provides for keeping the jails cleanly, making it the duty of Grand Jurors to inspect them.]
31. Concerning the estates of persons dying intestate. [Authorising three Justices to appoint a person to sell the property where it would be injured before court.]
32. Concerning the Navigation of Neuse River, and to amend an act passed in 1812, for opening and improving the Navigation of Neuse River. [This act provides also for making a Turnpike Road between Raleigh and Neuse. The State is to take \$ 6,000 in this stock.]
33. To amend an act passed in 1815, entitled an act making further provision in favor of the owners of strays. [The Ranger is allowed 50 cents more for every stray taken up.]
34. To amend an act to prevent persons from stopping or obstructing ways leading to Houses of Public Worship, passed in 1785. [Penalties under this act may be sued for before a justice of peace.]

### ACTS OF A PRIVATE NATURE.

1. An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the Town of Edenton to lay a Tax for the purpose of procuring a Fire Engine.
2. To incorporate a Turnpike Road in the county of Burke.
3. Incorporating the Academy and Town of Smithville in Brunswick county.
4. To authorise William Tatem and Thomas Gray, of Currituck county, to erect Gates at the places therein mentioned.
5. To authorise the County Court of Granville to appoint Commissioners to dispose of a certain Lot of Ground in the Town of Oxford, and for other purposes.
6. To amend an Act passed in 1810, to incorporate the Town of Greensborough, in Guilford county.
7. To authorise the County Court of Chowan to levy an additional Tax for the support of the Poor of said county.
8. To establish a Seminary of Learning at Mattamuskeet in Hyde county, by the name of the Union Academy.
9. To repeal an Act passed in 1815, to alter the time of holding the County Court of Hyde.
10. To have transcribed certain Records in the Register's Office of Bladen county, and for other purposes.
11. To establish and lay off a Town on the Lands of John Marine, of Richmond county.
12. To incorporate the Town of Oxford, in Granville county.
13. Making an Allowance to Witnesses attending the Superior or County Courts of Cumberland.
14. Directing the manner in which Patrols shall in future be appointed in the county of Richmond.
15. To establish and confirm the Judgment of the Superior Court of Law of Randolph county, divorcing Polly Shaw and her husband, Estley Shaw from the Bonds of Matrimony.
16. To make valid and confirm certain Orders of the County Court of Stokes.
17. Concerning the Warrenton Academy.
18. To authorise Isaac Bapier of Perquimons county to make a Road, cut a Canal to drain the same, and for other purposes.
19. To establish and confirm the Judgment of the Superior Court of Law of Richmond county, divorcing M. Cole and his wife Elizabeth, from the Bonds of Matrimony.
20. To incorporate a Company to build a Bridge across the Yadkin River.
21. To secure Sarah Chiles, of the county of Anson, wife of Thomas Chiles, such Estate as she may hereafter acquire.
22. To establish an Academy in the county of Carteret.
23. To establish and confirm the Judgment of the Superior Court of Law of Randolph county, divorcing Hannah Bray and her husband Solomon Bray from the Bonds of Matrimony.
24. For the better Regulation of the Town of Germanton, in the county of Stokes.
25. To confirm an accurate Survey of the Town of Beaufort in the county of Carteret, and for other purposes.
26. Appointing Commissioners to run and mark the Dividing Line between the counties of Buncombe and Rutherford, from the Sugarloaf Mountain to the Burke Line.
27. To repeal the existing Laws to improve the Navigation of Hedgecock Creek in Richmond county.
28. Concerning the Town of Fayetteville.
29. To incorporate the Raleigh Library Company.
30. Authorising the Laying off more Lots in the Town of Lincoln, and for other purposes.
31. Authorising Jacob Fields to cut a Road, and turnpike the same, in the county of Onslow.
32. To authorise the Court of Quarter Sessions of Pasquotank county to raise the Poor Tax, and for other purposes.
33. To divide the Wilkes Regiment of Militia and to form the same into two separate and distinct Regiments.
34. Relative to the County Courts of Stokes and Surry.
35. To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorise the County Court of Wilkes to lay a Tax for the purpose of building a New Jail in the said county," and for other purposes.
36. Declaring the Duty of the Colonel or Commanding Officer of Militia in the county of Craven, and for other purposes.
37. To restore to Isham Sheppard of Richmond county the Privileges of a Citizen.
38. To establish and incorporate an Academy in the Town of Greensboro' in the county of Guilford.
39. To establish and regulate a Toll Road from Skewaskey Landing to Oliver's Ferry, on the south side of Roanoke River, at or near where the Old Ferry is kept. And to grant to John Devereux and Jeremiah Slade an Estate therein for the Term of Ninety-Nine Years.
40. To establish and lay off a Town on the Lands of George D. Halcomb and Peter Dowell, in the county of Surry.
41. To establish Moore's academy on Ten-mile creek, in the county of Sampson, and to incorporate the trustees thereof.
42. Directing the officers of the 9th regiment of cavalry, which is attached to the 15th brigade, to hold their courts martial at Morganton, so far as respects the officers of the troops of Buncombe county.
43. To amend an act passed in 1816, to amend an act, entitled an act concerning the turnpike roads of Burke county.

44. For the government of Elizabeth City, and for other purposes.
45. To establish Battalion Musters in the county of Carteret.
46. Declaring that the second Regiment of Militia of the county of Anson shall be reviewed by the General Officers of the Division and Brigade to which the same is attached at the place of holding their Regimental Musters.
47. To repeal the first and fourth sections of an act passed in the year 1815, entitled "An act relative to 480 Traps on the Yadkin or Lee Dee Rivers," and to amend said act.
48. To amend an act passed in 1816, Chapter 45, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Hamonton."
49. To authorise the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Edgecombe county to lay an additional Tax to pay their debts.
50. To increase the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county of Currituck to an additional Tax for the support of the Poor of said county.
51. To restore to Citizenship, Robert Hall, George Hall, Owen Hall, and Ann Mitchell of the county of Wilkes.
52. To establish an Academy at Williamston in Martin county.
53. To repeal an act of the General Assembly passed in the year 1809, entitled "an act requiring a majority of the acting Justices of Wayne & Montgomery counties, to be present in certain cases," so far as respects the county of Wayne.
54. To regulate the passage of vessels through the Gates of the Bridges across Scuppernon and other Rivers.
55. To incorporate the Plymouth Mechanical Society.
56. To prevent the obstructions of fish up Treat River.
57. Vesting in Benjamin Howorth of Buncombe county, the profits arising from a Turnpike road and for other purposes.
58. For the better regulation of the city of Raleigh.
59. To prohibit obstructions to the passage of fish through Currituck and New Inlet, and for other purposes.
60. To establish an academy at Pleasant Grove, in Perquimons county, and to incorporate the trustees thereof.
61. To alter the time of holding the county court of Iredell.
62. To regulate the pilotage at Beaufort bar, and for other purposes.
63. To remove a separate election in the county of Stokes.
64. To amend an act to grant a separate Regiment in the county of Robeson, passed in 1810.
65. To incorporate the North River and Adams's Creek Canal Company.
66. To authorise the Rose Bay Turnpike Company in Hyde county to cut a Navigable Canal from Mattamuskeet Lake, at the head of Rose Bay, in said county, and for other purposes.
67. To facilitate the navigation of Lumber River, from the mouth of the Great Swamp to the S. Carolina line.
68. To amend an act passed in 1805, chap. 89, to establish two separate elections in Chatham county, and to alter the mode of holding elections in said county.
69. To regulate the allowance of witnesses attending the county court of Duplin.
70. To repeal an act passed in 1809, to amend an act passed in 1808, establishing the mode of elections in Jones County.
71. To alter the place of holding separate elections in Craven county, and for other purposes.
72. To emancipate Hannah Howe, John Howe, Balaam Howe and Lucy his wife, of Brunswick county.
73. To amend the laws respecting Wardens of the Poor, so far as respects Craven county.
74. To authorise the commissioners of the town of Madison, in Rockingham county, to purchase the land on which the said town is situated, to make sale of the lots, and to make titles to the purchasers.
75. Naming the town laid off in the county of Montgomery, pursuant to an act passed at last session, authorising the removal of the public buildings of said county.
76. To authorise John Miller, of Buncombe county to erect and keep up a gate across the public road on his own land near the free ferry on French Broad River.
77. To authorise the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Stewart's

- Creek, in the counties of Duplin and Sampson, to make the said creek navigable.
78. To establish a separate election at the house of John Moody, in Haywood county, and for other purposes.
79. To establish three other separate elections, and to remove two of those already established, in Pitt county.
80. To appoint commissioners to open and cut a navigable canal from Tarnagan Bay to Long Bay in Craven county.
81. To alter the time of holding two of the county courts of Rutherford.
82. To confirm and make valid, the registration of certain deeds, powers of attorney, &c. in Buncombe county.
83. To authorise certain persons therein named to collect the arrears of taxes due them.
84. To authorise Michael Boney, of New-Hanover, to cut a Canal across a public road, and erect a mill thereon, to throw the dam across Rock Fish Creek, and for other purposes.
85. For opening a Turnpike Road at Mill's Gap.
86. To incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting a Canal and opening the Navigation of New River, in Onslow county.
87. To secure to the persons therein named such property as they may hereafter acquire.
88. To restore to the rights and privileges of citizens, certain persons therein named.
89. To regulate the cooping of naval stores, and the inspection of staves, heading and shingles in Wilmington.
90. To vest the power in the commissioners of pilotage and navigation of the port of Wilmington, to assess, fix and regulate the fees of the harbor master.
91. Allowing compensation to the Sheriff of Wake for attending the Supreme Court.
92. To appoint commissioners for the town of Jameston in Guilford county, and to incorporate the same.
93. To increase the penalty on those residing in the town of Salem, in Stokes county, who fail to work on the public roads and highways.
94. To establish and incorporate a town by the name of Lenoxville, in the county of Carteret.
95. To authorise James Moore, of Martin county, to erect gates on the road leading from Moore's ferry to Moore's store, in said county.
96. To appoint commissioners for the town and port of Swansborough.
97. To authorise the county court of Warren to lay a tax for the purpose of building a Jail in said county.
98. To establish an Academy in the county of Guilford.
99. To authorise the county court of Duplin to appoint commissioners to lay off a town on the public lands in said county.
100. To amend an act passed in 1810, to appoint commissioners for the town of Bath.
101. To correct the abuses of commissioners appointed by an act of last session to appoint commissioners to fix on a suitable place, in Nash county, for erecting a court house and other public buildings, & for other purposes.
102. To alter the time of holding the elections in the county of Surry, to the 2d Thursday in August.
103. To authorise the county court of Surry to lay a tax for the purpose of building a new Jail in said county, and for other purposes.
104. To establish a separate election in Rowan county.
105. To amend an act to establish a separate Regiment in the county of Robeson, passed in 1810.
106. To authorise the county court of Halifax to lay a tax for the purpose of building a public jail in said county, and for other purposes.

- ### TEN DOLLARS REWARD.
- AN AWARD from the subscriber on the night of the 19th inst. a Negro by the name of LEVEN, about 5 feet 10 inches high, blind in the right eye, small crop off each ear, about 37 years of age, carried away with him a blue cotton coat and an old white one, a striped cotton vest, high crowned hat. I suppose he will aim for Norfolk or Petersburg, Virginia. Any person that delivers, or secures said fellow so that I get him again, shall receive the above reward, &c.
- JOHN ADAMS,  
Guilford county, N. C.  
2 miles west of Marshville
- September 23. 90