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*Captions of Acts passed by the Legislature of North-Carolina for 1819*

**ACTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE.**

1. An Act to provide a Revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent charges of Government for the year 1820. [The tax on land and slaves is the same as last year. The tax on Merchants is graduated as follows. A retail dealer selling from \$400 to \$8000 worth of goods in a year, a tax of \$6; from \$800 to \$5000, a tax of \$8; from 5,000 to 10,000, a tax of \$12; from 10,000 to 15,000, a tax of \$15; above 15,000, a tax of \$20; and all wholesale dealers, a tax of \$25. Peddlers are taxed \$20 a county; Negro traders \$10 and Billiard Tables, \$500.]

2. More effectually to punish the making, passing or attempting to pass Counterfeit Bank Notes [Defining the crime more particularly than heretofore.]

3. Concerning the Roanoke Navigation Company. [Alters the time of the general meeting.]

4. For the speedy decisions of Controversies about lands conveyed to, or condemned for the use of Companies incorporated for cutting Canals, or for other public purposes. [Giving Superior and County Courts jurisdiction in these cases.]

5. Prescribing the manner of assessing lands in this State for taxation. [The course heretofore pursued is prescribed.]

6. Relative to the apprehension of Runaway Slaves [§5 is rewarded to the taker up of runaways if apprehended out of the county.]

7. Giving to the Courts of Pleas & Quarter Sessions power to regulate separate elections. [The General Assembly will no longer be troubled with this subject.]

8. Prescribing the mode of surveying and selling the land lately acquired by treaty from the Cherokee Indians. [There are to be two Commissioners and one Principal Surveyor, who is to appoint his deputies; the land is to be laid off in 1st, 2d and 3d classes. The first is not to be sold for less than \$4 an acre; the second not less than \$3; the third not less than \$2. No survey is to be less than 50 acres nor any more than 300. One-eighth of the purchase-money to be paid down, the remainder in four annual instalments.]

9. An act more effectually to compel payments from the officers therein named of monies by them received, in virtue or color of, their office. [Provides that all Sheriffs, Clerks, Constables, &c. are liable to have judgment taken against them for monies in their hands, on 10 days notice; on failing to pay, 12 per cent damage may be recovered.]

10. To create a Fund for Internal Improvements, & to establish a Board for the management thereof. [The fund is to accrue from the sale of the lately acquired Cherokee lands, and the Board is to consist of the Governor, and one Commissioner from each of the Superior Court Districts.]

11. Amending the acts respecting lands sold for taxes [Before the Sheriff sells lands for taxes, he is to give in a list to the county court of his county, to be publicly read, and he is also to render an account of sales to court.]

12. Relative to the Journals of the Legislature and the duty of the Secretary. [The Journals are to be lodged with the Secretary of State, in order to be the more easily referred to.]

13. Compensating witnesses attending County Courts. [60 cents a day is allowed to witnesses living in the county, and a dollar to such as reside out of it. Where more is at present allowed, it is to remain so.]

14. Concerning the public Arms.— [The Governor is to procure, suitable places of deposit at Edenton, Newbern and Fayetteville; to cause the Arms to be cleaned & deposited there, and to appoint persons to take care of them.]

15. To amend an act passed in 1802, to prevent conspiracies and insurrections among Slaves. [The benefit of clergy is taken away for this offence.]

16. To prevent fraudulent trading with Slaves. [Persons trading for certain articles, forfeit \$50 and are liable to be indicted.]

17. To explain an act passed in 1818, laying duties on sales at auction. [Does not extend to other articles than goods and merchandize.]

18. Concerning titles to lands held under Henry M-Culloch and Henry Eustace M-Culloch. [Dispenses with the production of powers of attorney and grants under which titles are held in certain cases.]

19. To amend an act passed in 1793, directing the manner of proceeding against the several officers therein named, so far as requires them to renew their bonds once in three years.— [Clerks and County Trustees are required to give bond annually.]

20. To authorise the Rangers of the several counties to administer oaths in certain cases, and for other purposes. [To freeholders called upon to value strays, and to persons proving the property.]

21. Making the affirmation of Moravians and Menonists evidence in criminal cases.

22. Directing the sale of certain public lands adjoining the city of Raleigh, and for other purposes. [This act provides for the sale of all the remaining public land near the city, except 20 acres to include the stone-quarry: It is to be laid off into convenient lots by commissioners, and sold publicly on a credit of one, two, and three years, & the proceeds to be laid out in repairing the State-House, agreeably to a plan laid before the General Assembly by Capt. Nichols, the State Architect.]

23. To appoint commissioners to run and establish the dividing line between the counties of Duplin and Lenoir.

24. To appoint commissioners to lay off and establish the dividing line between the counties of Perquimons and Gates.

25. To appoint commissioners to complete the running and marking the dividing line between Chowan and Perquimons.

26. To lay out the road from Waynesville, in Haywood county, to the southern boundary line of this State.

27. To extend the provisions of an act passed in 1818, "entitled an act to amend an act passed in 1812, entitled an act relative to the power of Courts of Equity in cases of partition and for other purposes. [Directing the Courts of Equity on application by bill or petition, of the Guardian of a person non compos mentis, to order a sale of the real property of such person non compos mentis, where the public good requires it.]

28. Concerning Clerks of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, and Clerks of the County Courts. [Authorizes a tax of costs in publications in Newspapers.]

29. To make void parol contracts for the sale of lands and slaves.

30. In addition to the acts relative to the power of Courts of Equity in cases of partition, [When application is made by jointenants, &c. for the sale of real estate encumbered with dower, the person entitled to dower shall join in application for the sale.]

31. To attach part of Hyde to Beaufort county.

32. To annex a part of Craven to Lenoir county.

33. To revise and continue in force an act passed in 1810, to incorporate a company for the purpose of clearing out and making navigable Meherrin River.

34. To amend an act passed in 1814, concerning Divorce and Alimony.— [In cases of divorce, wives are permitted to enjoy any property they may afterwards acquire.]

35. Concerning militia fines & forfeitures. [Fines hereafter to go to the Public Treasury.]

36. To confirm the boundary line between this State and the State of Georgia, so far as the same has been run.

37. To repeal part of an act passed in 1784, for the more regular collecting, payment of, and accounting for the public taxes. [It repeals that clause in the act which makes it necessary for the Treasurer's bond to be approved by the Governor's Council.]

38. To repeal an act passed in 1811, authorising the Public Treasurer to deposit money in the State Bank.

39. Regulating the fees of Clerks in certain cases [Clerks to charge 10 cents for every jurors witness ticket.]

40. For the preservation of Float Bridges [Inflicts a penalty of \$50 on any decked vessel being fastened to one of these bridges.]

41. Directing the publication of the revision of the laws of this State, made under an act passed in 1817 for the revision of the Acts of Assembly.

42. To amend an act passed in 1812, making the protest of a Notary Public evidence in certain cases. [Referring to bills of exchange and promissory notes.]

43. To provide for the payment of witnesses on behalf of the State, in certain cases. [Where the defendant is not bound to pay witnesses, and they are not directed by the Court to be paid by the prosecutor, to be paid by the county in which the prosecution was commenced.]

44. Concerning Military land Warrants. [The Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller to hear and determine on all applications for military land warrants.]

45. To change the time of holding the supreme Court of this State. [After the present term, to meet on the 3d Monday in June and the last Monday in December.]

46. More effectually to compel payment from the officers therein named of monies by them received in virtue, or under color of their office. [In relation to Sheriffs, Clerks, Constables, &c. To be recovered on motion, with an interest of 12 per cent, for delay.]

47. To prevent frauds in the revocation of lost Wills and Testaments [Not to be revoked but by some writing regularly made for the purpose.]

48. Making provision for running the boundary-line between this state and the State of Tennessee

49. To appoint commissioners to run and establish the boundary-line between the counties of Duplin and Onslow.

**ACTS OF A PRIVATE NATURE.**

1. An Act to incorporate the Alliance Library Society, in the county of Guilford.

2. To appoint a Committee of Finance in the county of Moore.

3. To appoint Commissioners in the town of Madison.

4. To repeal an act passed last Session to increase Constables fees in certain counties therein mentioned.

5. To repeal an act passed in 1810, so far as it relates to the payment of talemens in the county of Carteret.

6. To authorise the Commissioners of the town of Morganton to sell certain parts of the public squares in said town and for other purposes.

7. To repeal an act altering the mode of appointing Patrols in Columbus county.

8. Giving further time to the inhabitants of Currituck county to make surveys and perfect titles to lands entered therein.

9. To establish a Seminary of Learning in the town of Hertford, in Perquimons county, by the name of Hertford Academy.

10. To appoint Commissioners for the town of Rockford, in Surry, and to incorporate the same.

11. To provide compensation for the jurors attending the courts in the counties therein named.

12. To amend an act passed in 1816 for opening a turnpike road at Mill's Gap.

13. To amend an act passed last Session to establish a poor and work-house in the county of Camden, and for other purposes.

14. To establish an Academy in Orange county.

15. Concerning the wardens of the poor for Wake, Craven and Jones counties.

16. To alter the time of closing the polls of the different elections held in the county of Perquimons to elect Members to the General Assembly & Representatives to Congress.

17. To incorporate the Camden Bible Society.

18. To amend an act passed in 1817, to amend an act passed in 1804, to establish an Academy in Greene county.

19. To amend an act passed in 1818, to elect a Magistrate for the town of Wilmington, and other purposes.

20. To authorise the building of a house for the use of the Clerks of the several courts in Burke county.

21. Supplemental to an act passed in 1818, to run a line between the counties of Burke and Iredell.

22. To appoint Trustees for the Lumberton Academy.

23. Concerning the Lincolnton Academy.

24. To establish an Academy in Camden county, and for other purposes.

25. To lay off and establish a town on the lands of Constant Perkins in Surry county.

26. To incorporate the Smithfield Academy, in Johnston county.

27. To amend an act passed in 1815 to incorporate the town of Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county.

28. Empowering the Commissioners of the town of Tarborough to sell a part of the town commons.

29. To repeal an act passed in 1804, to establish a separate election in the county of Chatham, and also to repeal an act passed in 1815, to alter the place of holding a separate election in the county of Chatham.

30. To repeal an act passed last session, to authorise the county courts of Craven and Cumberland to appoint special Justices of the Peace, and making compensation to such justices for certain services, so far as relates to Cumberland county.

31. To repeal an act passed in 1817, to increase the Registers fees in the counties therein named, so far as it relates to the county of Carteret.

32. To repeal part of an act passed in 1818, relative to the town of Cartilage, in Moore county.

33. To appoint commissioners in the town of Fulton.

34. To regulate the commissions of Collector and Treasurer of public buildings in the county of Anson.

35. To alter the time of holding the court of Probate in Rowan county.

36. To repeal an act appointing a Comptroller of the county of Rutherford.

37. To alter the time of holding the county court of Caswell.

38. Concerning the county of Cumberland.

39. To appoint additional commissioners to carry into effect an act passed in 1818, to appoint commissioners for the town of Nixonton, in Pasquotank, and for other purposes.

40. To authorise the commissioners of Hertford to sell certain property in said town.

41. Concerning the county of Rutherford.

42. To organize a corps of Artillery in the town of Fayetteville.

43. Providing for the settlement of county officers in Onslow county.

44. To establish an academy at Enfield, in Halifax county.

45. To appoint commissioners to remove the public buildings of Onslow county, and for other purposes.

46. Concerning the town of Warrenton.

47. To establish separate elections at the places therein named and for other purposes.

48. To alter the time of holding the county courts of Person county.

49. To appoint a Committee of Finance for the county of Cumberland.

50. To incorporate Williams' Lodge, No. 66, in Currituck county.

51. To incorporate John L. Taylor's Lodge, No. 70, in Currituck.

52. To amend an act passed in 1816, to prevent obstructions in the passage of fish through Currituck and New Inlets, and the Narrows of Currituck Sound.

53. Directing what number of Jurors shall in future be drawn to serve in the Superior and county courts of Edgecomb county.

54. Farther to regulate the holding separate elections in Northampton county.

55. To appoint a Board of Branch Pilots, to examine all persons who now have, or may hereafter wish to obtain a Branch to pilot over Ocracock Bar and the Swashes.

56. To authorise the Trustees of the Lawrenceville Academy to raise a sum of money by way of Lottery for the purpose of completing the buildings for said Academy.

57. To appoint commissioners to contract for building a new courthouse in the county of Randolph; and for other purposes.

58. To alter the times of holding the county court of Currituck county.

59. Concerning the county courts of Haywood county.

60. To prevent obstructions to the fish up the Town Fork in Stokes county.

61. Directing the time of appointing the County Trustee for Rowan county.

62. To empower the commissioners of the town of Edenton to appoint a Fire Company and for other purposes.

63. To appoint commissioners for the town of Chapel Hill, in Orange county.

64. To repeal certain parts of three bills, concerning patrollers, passed in 1794, 1802 and 1816, so far as relates to Edgecomb county.

65. To alter the times of holding the county courts of Currituck county.

66. Concerning the town of Concord.

67. To authorise the Trustees of Hookerton Academy, in Greene county, to raise a sum of money for the use of said Academy by way of lottery.

68. To authorise the commissioners of the town of Hookerton, to purchase a site for the erection of a House of public worship, and for other purposes.

69. Compensation the Sheriff of Wake county for attending the Superior Court.

70. For the relief of Mary Ann Sanson.

71. To alter the times of holding the county courts of Tyrrel county.

72. Changing the stock in the Dismal Canal Company from real to personal estate.

73. To establish an Academy in the town of Madison, in Rockingham county.

74. To authorise Nathan Horton to surrender his turnpike road.

75. Relative to the appointment of County Trustee for the county of Brunswick, and for other purposes.

76. To amend an act passed last session to empower the county court of Montgomery to contract for free ferries on public days.

77. To repeal part of an act passed in 1818 to appoint commissioners to sell certain lots and the town commons in the town of Morganton.

78. To establish Pike Academy, in Tyrrel county, and to incorporate the Trustees thereof.

79. To establish a Seminary of Learning in or near the town of Wilkesborough, by the name of the Wilkesborough Academy.

80. To incorporate the Leakville male and female Academies, and for other purposes.

81. To alter the time of holding Rockingham county court.

82. To alter the place of holding one of the separate elections in Orange county.

83. To alter the time of holding the election in the town of Halifax.

84. To amend an act passed in 1818, to establish a separate election in each Captain's district in Nash county.

85. Concerning the Elections in Cabarrus county.

86. To alter the times of holding the two County Courts of Camden, that are now held on the first Mondays in May and November.

87. For the better regulation of the town of Rutherfordton.

88. To amend the laws now in force respecting the town of Edenton.

89. To appoint a Magistrate of Police for Elizabeth City.

90. Supplemental to an act passed in 1818, to appoint commissioners for the town of Hamptonville, in Surry.

91. To amend an act passed in 1818, to regulate the fisheries on Scuppernon river, Little Alligator creek, on the Great Alligator river, and the waters thereof, in Tyrrel county.

92. Concerning the turnpike-road leading from Asheville, by the Warm Springs, to the painted Rock.

93. To authorise Frederik I. Coxe, of Craven county, to erect a bridge across Neuse river.

94. To prevent obstructions to the passage of fish up the Neuse river, Contentment creek, and Little river.

95. To increase the fees of the Surveyor of Currituck county.

96. To incorporate the New-Salem Library Society

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