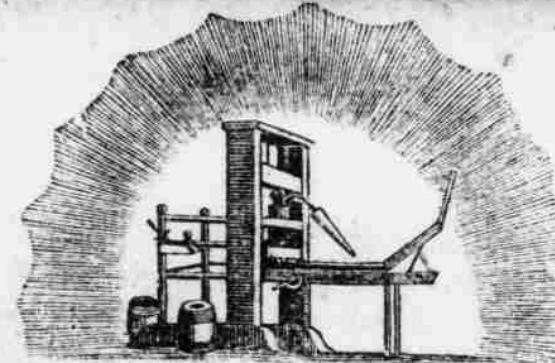


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CAPTIONS

Of the Public Acts passed by the General Assembly of N. Carolina, at its Session of 1826-'27.

1. Allowing further time for the payment of the purchase money on entries for vacant land made in the year 1824, which lapsed on the 15th December, 1826. [Extends the time of payment to the end of the present session of the Legislature.]

2. Making Private Acts, printed by the printer of the State, evidence in the courts of this State.

3. Explaining the act of 1822, entitled "An act to authorise the County Courts to require administrators and others to give other or counter security upon the petition of their securities. [Provides that where an administrator is likely to squander the estate of the intestate, his securities may, upon petition to the Court, require him to give other or counter security.]

4. Validating all grants issued by the Secretary of State from the 29th of November, 1826, to the 29th of December, 1826.

5. Supplemental to the act of last session, ceding to the United States Bogue Banks. [Appoints commissioners to apportion the sum, paid by the United States for the land, among the several claimants.]

6. Making compensation to coroners in certain cases. [Provides that if any free white person or slave shall be found dead in the county, it shall be the duty of the coroner to have said body decently interred; for which he shall be allowed, in addition to his present fees, a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be paid by the Trustee—the estate of the free white person, and the owner of the slave made liable for the re-payment of said sum.]

7. Further to amend the act of 1812, making the protest of a notary public evidence in certain cases. [Makes the protest of a notary public evidence of a demand upon the acceptor or drawee of a bill of exchange, in all actions at law, against the drawer or endorser of any bill of exchange, if the demand is set forth in the protest.]

8. To repeal part of the 3d section of the act of 1820, extending the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace. [Repeals that part of the said section which requires the

defendant to plead in abatement; and makes it the duty of the court, where actions shall hereafter be brought on bonds, promissory notes and liquidated accounts, under \$100, to dismiss the suit.]

9. Altering the time of the annual meeting of the Legislature. [Fixes on the third Monday of November as the time of meeting.]

10. Limiting the time within which certain offences shall be prosecuted, and prescribing the duties 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 said offences shall have been committed three years anterior thereto, unless where the person committing such offences shall have absconded or concealed themselves, or shall have committed them in a secret manner.]

11. To aid the Clubfoot and Harlow Creek Canal Company. [Authorizes the Public Treasurer to advance, on certain conditions, out of the fund set apart for internal improvement, to said Company \$12,000 on loan; one half to be paid at the expiration of ten years, and the other half at the expiration of fifteen years, with interest.]

12. Appropriating \$5,000 for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Cape Fear river below Wilmington.

13. Relating to the exercise of the right of challenge in certain cases. [Gives to the defendant the assistance of counsel in selecting a jury.]

14. To prevent free persons of color from migrating into this State, for the good government of such persons resident in the State, and for other purposes. [Prohibits free negroes and mulattoes from migrating into this State, under a penalty of \$500, and provides that, in case they fail to pay said fine, they shall be held in servitude and at labor for a term not exceeding ten years. Any person who brings such free persons of color into the State, to forfeit \$500. Free negroes or mulattoes, resident in the state, who have no regular or honest employment, to give security for their good behavior. Empowers the County Courts, where it may be expedient, to bind out the children of such persons to some occupation.]

15. To prevent frauds and perjuries in certain cases. [Provides that after the first day of January, 1828, that no executor or administrator, upon any special promise in his representative character, shall be answerable in damages out of his own estate; nor shall any defendant be answerable, on a special promise, for the debt, default or miscarriage of another, unless the agreement upon which an action shall be brought, or some memorandum or note there-

of be in writing, and signed by the party, or by some person authorized by him.]

16. To repeal the act of 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 this act. [Repeals so much as relates to Guilford, Surry, Wilkes, Ashe, Bladen, Lincoln and Haywood.]

17. Authorising the President and Directors of the Literary Fund to raise money by way of lottery, and for other purposes. [Authorises the President and Directors to raise \$50,000 by lottery; of which, a sum not exceeding \$25,000 is to be applied towards aiding Judge Murphrey in publishing the history of the State.]

18. Concerning executors, administrators and guardians. [Provides that, in suits upon the bonds of executors, administrators or guardians, it shall be the duty of the Court, upon motion of either party, to refer the same to persons selected by both parties; and, in case the parties cannot agree on persons to whom it shall be referred, the Court may refer it to the Clerk, or any other person.]

19. To prevent litigation by regulating costs in actions of assault and battery. [Provides that, in actions of assault and battery, where the damages assessed are less than four dollars, the plaintiff shall not recover more costs than damages.]

20. To authorise the building of a steamboat, to be used on the river Roanoke, and the waters of Albemarle and Pamlico sounds, and the waters of James river and

Chesapeake bay, and to incorporate a company for that purpose. [Authorises Books to be opened for subscriptions of stock to the amount of \$15,000.]

21. Prohibiting the trading with slaves, except in the manner therein prescribed. [Prohibits all persons from trafficking with, or receiving from any slave, cotton, tobacco, wheat, rice, oats, corn, rye, pork, bacon, beef, leather, raw hides, iron, castings, farming utensils, nails, meal, flour, spirituous liquors, wine, peas, salt fish, flax, flax seed, hogs, cattle, sheep, wool, lumber, staves, tar, pitch, turpentine, fodder, shingles, hoops, white oak heading and potatoes, or from selling to any slave any goods, wares and merchandize, under a penalty of one hundred dollars, except in the day time, (Sundays excepted,) and where such slave has a written permit from his or her owner or manager. Makes the offence indictable in the County and Superior Courts, and subjects the offender to a fine not exceeding \$50, or imprisonment for three months, at the discretion of the Court; and if the defendant be a retailer of spirituous liquors, he shall forfeit his or her license.]

22. Amending the act of 1823, relative to pedlars on navigable streams. [Reduces the tax to five

dollars for each county on the waters south of the Albemarle sound.)

23. To revive and continue in force the act of 1824, altering and amending the act for the relief of such persons as became purchasers of the Cherokee lands, sold under the authority of the State. (Revives and continues in force said act until the meeting of the next General Assembly.)

24. To amend the laws regulating the sale of lands and slaves, so far as it respects the counties therein named. (Authorises the sheriffs and other returning officers of the counties of Anson, Onslow, Wake, Craven, Mecklenburg, Orange, Cumberland, Nash, Stokes, Guilford, Rowan, Davidson, Columbus, Beaufort, Person, Caswell, Rutherford, Brunswick, Pitt, Hyde, Halifax, Randolph, Wayne, Greene, Robeson, Chat-ham, Franklin, Warren, Bladen, Duplin and Edgecombe, to make sale of lands and slaves on the first day of the Superior Courts for those counties.)

25. To perpetuate the evidence of the claim of the State to such shares or stock in the several Banks or other corporations, as have been, or shall be purchased for the State. (Makes it the duty of the Treasurer to deliver certificates of such shares or stock to the Secretary of State, who is to register them; and directs the Comptroller, as soon as his accounts shall be passed upon by the Legislature, to endorse upon the certificates that they have been allowed.)

26. Prescribing the time in which presumption of payment, satisfaction or abandonment of claims shall arise. (Enacts that the presumption of payment or satisfaction on judgments, contracts and agreements, shall arise within ten years after the right of action on the same shall accrue; that the presumption of payment or abandonment of the right of redemption on mortgages, and of other equitable interest, shall arise within ten years after the forfeiture of said mortgage or last payment on the same, or the right of action shall accrue on any equitable interest or claim, under the like rules and restrictions, that all judgments heretofore rendered, contracts, &c. heretofore made, and which have remained for ten, and less than twenty years, after the right of action has accrued, the presumption in law shall arise within three years from this time, &c. &c.)

27. An act for the protection of sureties. (Provides that in the trial of all actions at law, it shall be competent for either of the defendants to shew that they are sureties; and it shall be the duty of the jury or of the justice of the peace to discriminate between the principal and surety in rendering verdict or judgment; and it is then made the duty of the Sheriff to