

FIRE COMPANIES.

CHAPTER XXVII.

An Act to Incorporate the Phoenix Fire Company, in the Town of Elizabeth City.

SEC. I. *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 Thomas R. Cobb, Constant C. Green, Barney Fisdale, and other free white male citizens of the Town of Elizabeth City, are hereby authorized to form and enrol themselves into a Fire Engine Company, to be styled the Phoenix Fire Company; and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and exercise other powers incident to corporate bodies; *Provided*, the number of members, shall at no time exceed twenty five.

SEC. II. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of the aforesaid Fire Company, while they continue to act as firemen in said company, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty, except in cases of insurrection or invasion.

SEC. III. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said Fire Company to turn out and exercise their engine and themselves, in the performance of their duty as firemen, at least six times per year, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances, under a penalty of twenty dollars, to be recovered against said company, by any person who may sue for the same, before any tribunal having jurisdiction of such suits.

SEC. IV. *Be it further enacted,* That a majority of the members of said Fire Company shall have power and authority to adopt such constitution and pass such bye laws, rules and regulations, for their government, as to them may seem best, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and that all fines and penalties which may be collected by said company of their members, for any infringement of their laws, shall inure to the use of said company.

SEC. V. *Be it further enacted,* That all laws and clauses of laws

which may come within the meaning and purview of this act? [are hereby repealed; and this act?] shall be in force from and after its ratification.

[Ratified the 2nd day of January, 1845.]

CHAPTER XXVIII.

An Act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1825, entitled an act to repeal in part an act, passed in the year 1820, entitled an act to authorize and empower the commissioners of the several towns of Fayetteville, Newbern, Wilmington and Tarborough, to organize and keep up fire engine companies.

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 above recited act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. II. *Be it further enacted,* That the commissioners of the town of Fayetteville shall have power to accept as firemen and as members of fire engine companies any number of militia men not exceeding the number of sixty, residing within the district of Fayetteville, as may be willing to act as such, who shall be subject to the same rules, and entitled to the same privileges, as are now provided by an act, passed in the year 1820, entitled an act to authorize and empower the commissioners of Fayetteville &c. to organize and keep up fire companies.

[Ratified the 5th day of January, 1845.]

JURORS.

CHAPTER XXIX.

An Act making compensation to the Jurors of the County of Hyde.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is