holder from jury and militia duty, and from all taxes on the poll.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 20th day of December, A. D., 1866.

CHAPTER LI.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE "MC'LEAN FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, NO. ONE," IN THE TOWN OF FAXETTEVILLE.

Section 1. 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 John H. Robinson, Charles P. Mallett, Jesse R. Kyle, E. P. Powers, W. F. Campbell, Corporators. Charles Haigh, William Widdefield, and their associates, in the town of Fayetteville, shall be, and they are hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "McLean Fire Engine Company, No. One," and by that name they may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, shall have a succession and common seal, and exercise other powers incident to corporate bodies.

> SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That a majority of the members of said Fire Company shall have power and authority to adopt a constitution and pass such by-laws, rules and regulations for their government as to them may seem best, for the better regulation of their body, 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 enure to the use of said Company.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the members of said Limit as to Fire Company shall at no time exceed one hundred and members. E twenty-five members and while they shall continue members of said Company, they shall be exempt from the pay-

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ment of town poll taxes, and also from the performance of military duty, except in case of insurrection and invasion.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification,

Ratified the 18th day of December, A. D., 1866.

CHAPTER LII.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE 122ND CHAPTER OF THE ACTS OF 1858-'59, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BING-HAM COAL MINING COMPANY."

Section 1. 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 122d chapter of the Acts of, Amendment 1858-'59, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Bingham Coal Mining Company," be so amended as to authorize said Company to subscribe to the capital stock of the Western Rail Road Company and to that of the Cheraw & Coal Field Rail Road Company, or to the stock of either of them, and this bill shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of February, A. D., 1867.

CHAPTER LIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF ASHE.

Section 1. 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 section (4) four of said Act be amended as follows: In 5th line of said section, strike out (50) fifty cents and insert one dollar. In 6th line of said section, strike ont (123) twelve and a-half cents, and insert