

may from time to time determine. Not less than two of its directors shall be residents of the State of North Carolina.

SEC. 9. The stockholders and directors shall be individually liable only to the amount remaining unpaid on the stock held by them respectively.

SEC. 10. The said company is hereby authorized to declare such portions of its capital stock from time to time as it may desire, a preferred stock, and to issue and appropriate the same to such special purposes as may be deemed proper, which preferred stock, as well as the common stock heretofore authorized to be created, shall be subject to such rules and regulations and conditions as may be prescribed by the board of directors, and may be sold as authorized in section six of this act.

SEC. 11. The said company may change its name when- Change of name.
ever the holders of two-thirds of the stock of the company shall so determine by a vote; and a certificate of such change shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, with the signatures of the president and secretary, and the seal of the company thereto affixed. Such change of name shall not in any manner affect or change any of the rights, powers, privileges, franchises or obligations of said corporation.

SEC. 12. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 22d day of March, A. D. 1875.

CHAPTER CXVI.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF
THE TOWN OF FAYETTEVILLE TO RE-ORGANIZE THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SAID TOWN.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do* Fire department.
enact, That for the purpose of enabling the mayor and com-

missioners of the town of Fayetteville to render the fire department of said town more efficient, the said mayor and commissioners are hereby authorized to organize such engine and hose companies, hook and ladder and bucket companies as they may deem necessary for the protection of said town against fire.

Control.

SEC. 2. That said companies when organized as aforesaid shall be under the control of the said mayor and commissioners, under such rules and regulations as the said mayor and commissioners may from time to time prescribe for their government.

Chief fire warden.

SEC. 3. That the said mayor and commissioners shall annually appoint a chief fire warden, and as far as practicable from the different wards of the town, who shall hold their offices one year from their appointment, and in case of a vacancy by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the said mayor and commissioners shall fill the same.

SEC. 4. That as soon after their appointment as practicable the chief fire warden shall summon the fire wardens together, he shall preside at their meetings, and shall appoint one of his associates to discharge all his duties in case of his absence, sickness or other inability. A majority of said wardens shall be necessary to transact business, and to adopt such rules for the management of their body as they may think proper, consistent with the ordinances enacted for the government of said town. It shall be the duty of chief fire warden and the assistant wardens, under the direction of the chief warden, to exercise a general control at all fires; to direct the stations of the engines and to marshal and direct the efforts of the various fire companies and citizens. They shall provide a sufficient number of buckets, hooks, ladders, axes and such other implements as may be necessary for the complete extinguishment of fire. They shall cause the engines and all other implements for the extinguishment of fire to be deposited in safe and convenient places, and see that there is at all times a sufficient supply of them, and that they are kept in repair and good

order, and they shall pass upon and approve all accounts for the purchase or repairs of fire engines and implements before the same shall be allowed and paid by said mayor and commissioners.

SEC. 5. The wardens shall be under the control of the mayor and commissioners, and shall report the condition of the fire department quarterly to the said mayor and commissioners, and for neglect of duty or other sufficient cause, may be removed from office.

SEC. 6. That the said mayor and commissioners may Compensation, &c grant to the fire wardens, officers and members of the engine, hose, hook and ladder and bucket companies such compensation, immunities and privileges as they may deem right and proper according to the services rendered.

SEC. 7. That the acts of the General Assembly heretofore passed incorporating the "McLean Fire Company," "The Frizzell Citizens Relief Company," "The Hook and Ladder Company," and "Bucket Company," of the town of Fayetteville, be and the same is hereby Repeal. repealed.

SEC. 8. That all laws and parts of laws coming in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 20th day of March, A. D. 1875.

CHAPTER CXVII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PLUMMER HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, NUMBER ONE.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do* Body politic enact, That Richard Rowlett, Richard Burges, Phillip Rodgen, William Plummer and Robt. P. Hall, and other persons who may be associated with them for the object intended,