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Subscribers to
pay 50 s. for
each Lot.40 s. to the
Proprietor.Succession of
Commission-
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Lots to the
Proprietor.

IV. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Subscriber who shall subscribe for any Lot or Lots in the said Town, shall within one Month after it shall be ascertained to whom each of the said Lots doth belong, in Manner herein before mentioned, pay and satisfy to the said Directors, or one of them, the Sum of Fifty Shillings for each Lot by him subscribed for; and in Case of the Neglect or Refusal of any Subscriber to pay the said Sum, the said Directors shall and may commence and prosecute a Suit for the same, and therein shall recover Judgment, with Costs of Suit. And the said Directors shall, as soon as they receive the said Money, pay and satisfy to the said John Smith, his Heirs or Assigns, the Sum of Forty Shillings for each Lot, in full Satisfaction for the said Land; and the other Ten Shillings shall be applied towards defraying the Expences of laying off and improving the said Town, as a Majority of the Directors shall think proper.

V. *AND* for continuing the Succession of the Directors until the said Town shall be incorporated, *Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That in Case of the Death, Refusal to act, or Removal out of the County, of any of the said Directors, the surviving Directors, or a Majority of them, shall assemble, and are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, by Instrument of Writing, under their respective Hands and Seals, to nominate some other Person, being a Freeholder of the said Town, in the Place of him so dying, refusing to act, or removing out of the County; which new Director so nominated and appointed, shall from thenceforth have the like Power and Authority in all Things in the Matters herein contained, as if he had been expressly named and appointed in and by this Act.

VI. *PROVIDED* nevertheless, That the said John Smith shall have to his own Use a Reserve of Seven Lots, exclusive of the said One Hundred Acres, to secure his Dwelling House and other Houses belonging to him now on the said Land.

C H A P. XVI.

An Act for the Regulation of the Town of Hillsborough.

Preamble.

I. *WHEREAS* the erecting and establishing the Town of *Hillsborough* hath been found highly beneficial and convenient to the Western Parts of this State, and the same being a healthy pleasant Situation, and convenient to inland Trade:

Charter confirmed.

II. *BE it Enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby Enacted,* That the Charter of the Town of *Hillsborough* be and remain, with all and every Privilege therein mentioned, whole and entire, to the Use and Benefit of the present and future Inhabitants of the said Town of *Hillsborough*.

Commissioners appointed.

III. *AND* be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That William Johnston, James Hogg, John Sheels, William Courtney, and James Watson, Esquires, be, and are hereby appointed Commissioners of the said Town; and they, or a Majority of them, are hereby empowered to bring the former

former Commissioners to account for any Money that may remain in their Hands; and the Commissioners above mentioned, or a Majority of them, are hereby empowered to lay out such Money agreeable to the Directions hereafter mentioned for laying out the Town Taxes. A. D. 1777.

IV. *AND be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act the Commissioners, or a Majority of them, shall, and they are hereby required, within Twenty Days after the First Tuesday in June in every Year, to lay such Taxes as they shall judge necessary, not exceeding Twelve Shillings and Six Pence per Poll, on all the taxable Persons in the said Town; which Tax shall be collected by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the Commissioners, or a Majority of them, directed to any Person they shall appoint to collect the same, returnable at such Time as shall be therein mentioned; which said Collector appointed as aforesaid, is hereby empowered to collect and make Distress for the same, in like Manner as other Collectors of Public or County Taxes shall be empowered by Law; and the Money arising therefrom, after deducting Five per Cent. Commissions, shall by him be paid into the Hands of the Commissioners, or a Majority of them, to be by them applied and laid out in clearing and repairing the Public Streets, Lanes, and Allies, and in any other Public Work they may judge necessary for the Benefit of the said Town.* To lay a Tax.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inhabitants of the said Town shall, and they are hereby required, to give in a List of all the taxable Persons in each of their respective Families, on Oath or Affirmation, to some one of the Commissioners aforesaid, between the First and Second Tuesdays in June in every Year, under the Penalty of Three Pounds for every Neglect; to be recovered by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the Commissioners of the said Town, or the Majority of them, to be applied to the Public Stock of the said Town.* Lists of Taxables to be given in.

VI. *AND be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons residing Three Months in the said Town next before the First Tuesday in June in every Year, shall afterwards be subject to pay Taxes in the said Town.* Persons subject to pay Taxes.

VII. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall after the passing of this Act be obliged to work on the Streets or other Public Places in the said Town, or to pay any other Town Tax but such as is herein before mentioned.* Not to work on the Streets.

VIII. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Inhabitant of the said Town shall, on any Pretence whatsoever, keep any Hog or Hogs, Shoat or Pig, or any Geese, running at large within the Bounds of the said Town, on Penalty of forfeiting such Hog or Hogs, Shoat or Pig, or Geese, and paying the Sum of Twenty Shillings (or Two and One Half Dollars) to the Party aggrieved; and further, that it shall and may be lawful for any Person whatever after the Tenth Day of June next to shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy, such Hog or Hogs, Shoat or Pig, or Geese, so running at large within the said Town.* Hogs, &c. not to run at large.

IX. AND

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Dangers by
Fire prevent-
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IX. AND to prevent Dangers arising by Fire, *Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That each and every Householder within the said Town of *Hillsborough* shall procure, or cause to be procured, two sufficient Leather Buckets, and a Ladder, and keep the same in continual Readiness against any Alarm that may be given, occasioned by the breaking out of Fire at any Time in the said Town, on Penalty of paying Twenty Shillings.

Pen. for rid-
ing Horses in
Town.

X. AND whereas the too frequent Custom of immoderate riding of Horses in and through the said Town is found to have a very dangerous Tendency: To prevent which, *Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Person or Persons from and after the passing of this Act, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall immoderately ride or strain any Horse or Mare in or through the said Town, or any of the Streets thereof, on Penalty of forfeiting and paying the Sum of Five Shillings for each and every Offence; to be recovered by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace of the said County.

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XI. AND *be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Inhabitants of the Town of *Hillsborough* are hereby required to meet at the Court-House in said Town on the First Tuesday in September in every Year, then and there to choose Five Commissioners for the said Town; which shall be elected by Ballot, under the Inspection of two Persons, to be chose by the Freeholders of said Town for that Purpose.

Old Commis-
sioners to set-
tle with the
new ones.

XII. AND *be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That as soon as those elected are qualified to proceed on Business, that the former Commissioners are hereby required to give up what Money remains in their Hands of the Town Taxes, and render an Account of their Proceedings to the new Commissioners; and the Commissioners for said Town, from and after the passing of this Act, are required to keep the Town Common open for the Benefit of the Town.

Clauses of an
Act contin-
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XIII. AND *be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Sixth, Seventh, and Fifteenth Sections of an Act, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, for establishing a Town on the Land formerly granted to William Churton, lying on the North Side the River Ence, in the County of Orange*, passed at Newbern the Third Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six, shall be and remain in full Force and Virtue.

C H A P. XVII.

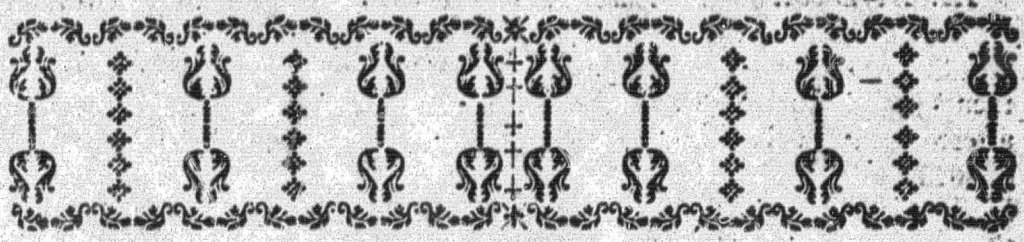
An Act for establishing a new County between Hillsborough and the Virginia Line, by erecting the Northern Part of Orange County into a distinct County, by the Name of Caswell.

Preamble.

I. WHEREAS the large Extent of the County of Orange renders the Attendance of the Inhabitants of the Northern Part to do Public Duties extremely difficult and expensive: For Remedy whereof,

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ACTS
OF
ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

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At a GENERAL ASSEMBLY begun and held at *Newbern* on the Eighth Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven, and in the First Year of the Independence of the said State; Being the First Session of this Assembly.

RICHARD CASWELL, Esq; Govern^r nor.

CHAP. I.

An Act to establish a Militia in this State.

I. **W**HEREAS a well regulated Militia is absolutely necessary for the defending and securing the Liberties of a free State:

Preamble

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That the Militia of this State be divided into six Brigades, viz. One in each of the Districts of Edenton, Newbern, Wilmington, Halifax, Salisbury, and Hillsborough, and each Brigade to be commanded by a Brigadier General. And the Militia of every County shall consist of all the effective Men from sixteen to fifty Years of Age inclusive, to be formed into one or more Regiments, each under the Command of a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and two Majors; every Regiment shall be divided into Companies, consisting of fifty Rank and File at least, two Serjeants, two Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer; and each Company to be under the Command of a Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign. That every Company shall be divided into four Divisions, who shall draw Lots for the first, second, third, and fourth Turns to go on Service, and shall be numbered according to such Lots.*

Militia divided into Brigades.

How established.

Companies to draw Lots to go on Service.

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