

Commissioners of the said town, on the draft of the Captain of said Company; which draft, when paid; shall be considered good as sufficient vouchers in the settlement of the Town Taxes.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That the members of the aforesaid Fire Company, while they continue to act as firemen, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty, except in cases of insurrection, or invasion, and from the performance of other engine duty.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That a majority of the members of the said Company shall have power and authority to make such bye-laws, rules and regulations, for their government, as to them seem best, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States and of this State; that all fines and penalties incurred by virtue of this act, or by any of the said bye-laws, shall be recoverable before the police magistrate of the said town, or any justice of the peace for the county of Beaufort: *provided* the right of appeal shall be secured to either party, as it now exists in cases of judgments before a single justice.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That all laws and clauses of laws, coming within the meaning and purview of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed and made void.

[Ratified the 26th of January, 1843.]

CHAP XIII.

An Act to incorporate the Franklin Fire Company of Little Rockfish Town, in the County of Cumberland.

SEC. 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 Alonzo R. Ketchum, Roderick M'Rae and Daniel Patterson, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose hereinafter named.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That as soon after the passage of this act as may be convenient, and within the space of six months therefrom, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet together and organize a company, to be denominated and styled "the Little Rockfish Franklin Fire Company;" which said company shall consist of not more than twenty members, whose association together, for the purposes of this act, shall be evidenced by subscribing their names as members of said company.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That when there shall be as many as ten members, by subscription of their names, the said Company shall be deemed and taken to be a corporation: *Provided however*, that the remaining number allowed, may be made up, at any time; and if at any time any of the members should die or resign, his place may be filled by the survivors or by selecting from those who may be willing to become members.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Company shall keep a record of its proceedings, and shall advertise at some conspicuous place in the town, when it may be organized, the fact of its organization; and immediately after such organization, it shall be the duty of said Company to provide and keep in readiness at all times for use, such hooks, ladders, buckets, hose and such other articles and implements as may be necessary and useful in the extinguishment of houses on fire; and it shall be the duty of said Company, whenever any house shall be on fire within the town of Little Rockfish, to apply themselves with all proper means to the extinguishment thereof.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That for and in consideration of the services to be rendered by said company, the members thereof shall be exempt from service in Militia exercises.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said Company shall have power and authority, (a majority of the whole number of the members assenting thereto) to make all such bye-laws and regulations, [for] the operations and conduct of said company, and the members thereof, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, as may seem to them advisable; and the same to repeal, annul and modify, as often as they may think proper.

[Ratified the 24th day of Jannary. A. D. 1843.]