

David Shufford, Samuel Allison, Charles Slagle, Martin A. Gash and L. S. Gash, be appointed Commissioners to repair and keep up the Bridge across French Broad River, known as the Shufford Bridge, in the county of Henderson.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners, to erect a toll gate thereon, and the following shall be the rate of toll to be collected by the said Commissioners, to wit: one horse vehicle, twenty-five cents; two horse carriage, thirty-five cents; three or four horse wagon, fifty cents; five or six horse wagon, sixty cents; horses or mules, three cents; man and horse, ten cents; hogs, sheep or cattle, one cent per head.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the monies collected by way of toll, shall be applied to the building and keeping the said bridge in repair: *Provided*, nevertheless, that any persons heretofore, having paid the sum of five dollars, towards the building of said bridge as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall be permitted to pass the same free of toll.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person who is liable to pay toll, shall fail, neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to collect the same by warrant, in their own names, before any Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force for the term of six years from and after the ratification of the same.

[Ratified the 10th of December, 1842.]

CHAP LIX.

An Act to authorize the forming of a Fire Engine Company, in the Town of Salem, Stokes County.

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

the free white males of the town of Salem, are hereby authorized to form and enroll themselves into a Fire Engine Company: *Provided*, that the members of said Company shall not exceed seventy-five.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the persons who are now, and those who shall hereafter be enrolled as members of the Salem Fire Engine Company, shall serve for the term of five years from the time of their enrollment, except in case of removal out of town.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Company shall elect a Captain and one or two Lieutenants; and such other officers that may be required for its proper government and effective service in working three engines, hose, ladders, buckets and other apparatus.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company, in order to render them prompt and efficient in case of fire, to train them at least four times a year, and not less than two hours each time, in working the engine in Company, by platoons or sections, and in using the other apparatus; subject to such fines as the Militia are subject to for non attendance at musters; but subject to the same excuse, to be laid before the Captain and Lieutenants, as a Board, and to be adjudged of by them, subject nevertheless, to the right of appeal as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Captain of the Company, to cause to be taken care of and preserved in the house to be prepared by the town authorities, the Engine, Ladder, Buckets, Hose and other apparatus thereunto belonging; and when any repairs thereof be deemed necessary by a majority of the officers of the Company, the Captain shall cause the same to be done, the expenses for which repairs, shall be paid by the Town Treasurer or Wardens, on the draft of the Captain of the Company, which draft, when paid, shall be considered a good and sufficient voucher in settlement of the public accounts by the constituted authorities of the town.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the constituted authorities of the town, shall divide the same into suitable sections or wards; and shall from time to time, appoint a number of persons corresponding with the number of wards, to act as Fire-Wardens, whose duty it shall be, from time to time, to inspect their respective wards, either

singly or in company; and take notice and advise the respective citizens of any danger that may be perceptible in chimneys, fire places, &c.; and likewise make report to the proper authorities; and that they meet occasionally, and consult together.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That in case of fire, the Captain shall consult with one or more of the fire Wardens, as to the proper mode of staying the progress and extinguishing the fire, and when they shall deem it expedient, for stopping the further progress of the fire, to order any house or houses to be pulled down, blown up or otherwise destroyed; they are hereby authorized to do the same, for which they shall not be responsible.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That for raising a fund for procuring or replacing engines, hose, buckets, ladders, hooks and other apparatus, the constituted authorities of the town, are hereby authorized, if they deem it necessary, to lay a suitable tax, to be collected and accounted for as the other Town taxes.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That a majority of the members of said Company, shall have power and authority to make such laws, rules and regulations, and pass such bye-laws, for their government, as to them may seem best, not inconsistent with the constitution of the United States or of this State, or inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the town; and that all fines and penalties incurred by virtue of this act, or by any bye-laws, shall be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace, in the name of the Captain of the Company: *Provided nevertheless*, that the right of appeal shall be preserved to either party, as is now by law established in trials before a Justice; and the fines and penalties thus obtained or recovered, shall form a fund to pay the incidental expenses of the Company, and the balance shall be applied in aid of expenditures in relation to the object of the concern generally.

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