

ACTS

PASSED BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT THE

SESSION OF 1829-30

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and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John Owen, John Bryan and Archibald Monk, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee, to be called and known by the name of the Committee of Finance for the county aforesaid, whose duty it shall be to settle with all the public officers of said county, in whose hands the public money may be entrusted, annually, or oftener, if necessity should require it.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall be the duty of the committee appointed by virtue of this act, or a majority of them, to notify in writing the officer or officers with whom they may wish to settle, ten days previous to the day appointed for settlement, specifying the time and place at which they will attend for the purpose of making such settlement; and each officer, on receiving said notice as before mentioned, and failing to attend, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every default, to be recovered before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof, one half to the use of the county, and the other half to the use of the poor of said county, to be sued for in the name of said committee, unless they can render sufficient reasons for their non-attendance; and in such case it shall be the duty of the court to remit the forfeiture on payment of costs of suit.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That a majority of the members of the said committee shall be competent to make settlements; and each of the members of the committee shall be entitled to receive for their services two dollars per diem, for every day they may necessarily be employed in making said settlements, to be paid out of any money belonging to said county.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said committee to make three fair statements of each settlement they may make by virtue of their appointment; one of which shall be filed with the clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said county, another to be posted against the court house in some conspicuous place, and the third to be kept for the use of the committee.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said committee to examine and settle the accounts of all officers, who received public moneys from the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty up to the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty; which last mentioned date shall be the time when the aforesaid committee shall enter into the duties consequent to the above mentioned act.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of any vacancy in said committee, from death, resignation or otherwise, that the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions shall, at their next session after such vacancy may occur, appoint some competent person to fill said vacancy.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons appointed to form said committee shall, previous to their entering on the duties of their appointment, take the following oath, viz. I, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will faithfully discharge the duties imposed on me as a member of the committee of Finance for Sampson county, in all business that may come before me, without doing injustice to the county or to the individual, to the best of my knowledge and understanding: so help me God.

CHAPTER II.

An act to incorporate the Salisbury Vigilant Fire Company.

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 persons now associated in the town of Salisbury, under the name of the Salisbury Vigilant Fire company, and their successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style above mentioned; and by that name shall have regular succession and a common seal; may sue and be sued; and generally shall exercise, possess and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities usually granted to other corporations of a similar character in this State; and shall have power to make bye laws and regulations for their own government, the same being not inconsistent with the laws of the State.

II. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of the association hereby incorporated shall be exempt from militia duty, while they continue to act as members, except in times of war, insurrections or invasions.

CHAPTER CIII.

An act to authorise the County Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county of Franklin to appoint wardens of the poor, and to build a poor and work house, and for other purposes.

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 at the next term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the county of Franklin which shall happen after the first Monday in February next, and once in each and every year thereafter, at the term of said court at which the sheriffs of said county shall be elected, the justices of said courts, a majority being present and consenting thereto, shall appoint five fit and proper persons wardens of the poor for said county, who shall be freeholders, and they shall have the same power and authority, and be subject to the same duties and penalties as are now prescribed by law.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the justices of the court aforesaid, a majority being present, shall have full power and authority, if they deem the same expedient, to lay and collect a tax sufficient to purchase a suitable tract of land, at some convenient place, within not less than three miles, nor more than seven miles from the town of Louisburg, in said county, for the purpose of erecting thereon a poor and work house, and to cause to be built thereon and kept in sufficient repair buildings of a suitable kind, in which shall be maintained and employed such of the poor of the county as may be unable to obtain for themselves subsistence; and for the purpose of procuring the said land and erecting thereon the proper buildings, the said court is hereby authorised to appoint suitable commissioners to contract for the same, and cause the said buildings to be erected.

III. *Be it further enacted,* That the wardens appointed under this act shall have full power and authority to prescribe such rules and regulations as may conduce to the health, morals and good government of the poor of the county, and, upon such terms as they may deem expedient, to employ a superintendent of the poor and work house aforesaid whose duty it shall be to keep at moderate labor such of the poor committed to his charge as shall be able to labor, to treat them with kindness and humanity, and provide for them sufficient and suitable diet, clothing lodging and other necessities; and to enforce all such orders and regulations as the wardens of the poor shall from time to time establish relative to the poor; and in case of neglect to discharge such duties as he may be required to perform, he shall be subject to indictment in the County Court, and, upon conviction, shall be fined at the discretion of the court.