

section two the words "twenty-five thousand dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words "fifteen thousand dollars."

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 14th day of March, A. D. 1901.

CHAPTER 414.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ISSUE
A GRANT TO J. A. DAVIS, OF CHEROKEE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Secretary of State
authorized to issue
grant to J. A.
Davis on filing of
proper certificates,
etc.

SECTION 1. That upon the payment to the Secretary of State by J. A. Davis, of Cherokee county, of the lawful fees, and upon the filing with the Secretary of State of the proper warrants or certificates of survey for tract of land number 6915, in the fifth district, Cherokee county, and the receipts for the payments heretofore made by the assignor of said J. A. Davis or the original purchaser of said land, or the certificate of the entry-taker of Cherokee county, that said land has been paid for, the said Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the said J. A. Davis a grant for the tract of land described in said warrant or certificate of survey.

Not to interfere
with vested rights
of others.

SEC. 2. That this act shall not be so construed as to interfere with the vested rights of any other claimant to said land.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 14th day of March, A. D. 1901.

CHAPTER 415.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SMITHFIELD
FIRE COMPANY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Incorporators.

SECTION 1. That Henderson Cole, Thomas J. Lassiter, N. B. Grantham, S. S. Holt, F. H. Brooks, W. H. Austin, J. D. Boyett, J. H. Kirkman, J. K. Hollowell, J. W. Stephenson, W. L. Brady, J. W. Pruden, John C. Ellington, H. D. Ellington, H. L. Skinner and other persons who shall be associated with them for the object intended and their successors, duly elected and chosen according to the by-laws of the company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate

by the name and style of the Smithfield Fire Company, for the purpose of more united and efficient action in the extinguishing of fires in the town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and by that name and style shall have power to acquire a steam-engine or engines and such other equipments as is necessary for the successful accomplishments of the object of their organization and such real estate as may be needful for the protection of their property for meeting places, etc., the original value of which shall at no time exceed \$10,000.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said company shall by name and style aforesaid have succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure, and make by-laws and rules necessary for the proper government of the company and the management of its funds, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, and in all matters as and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the object of the association.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That active members in the actual service of the company shall be exempt during the continuance of such service from jury service and from the payment of city poll-taxes. The number of active members not to exceed forty (40) at any time.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the members of the company, with horses or whatever means used for transporting their engines, hose, ladders, or whatever implements used for fighting fire, shall have the right of way over any and all streets, alleys, highways or byways in the city of Smithfield, North Carolina, in their efforts to reach the place where a fire is; that the speed at which they may drive or travel shall not be limited by any town ordinance.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 14th day of March, A. D. 1901.

CHAPTER 416.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WEST ASHEVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That J. F. Hayes, A. E. Brown, H. A. Brown, W. E. Howard, W. E. Logan, A. S. Nicholson and J. G. Farrell, all of the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, together with such other persons as shall be associated with them, their successors and assigns, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, under the corporate name