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Leak, sen. James L. Vaughan, Charles Robinson, Thomas Crawford, William P. Leak, James Cole and John L. Campbell be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the town aforesaid; and that the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to make, ordain and enforce bye-laws, rules and regulations, for the government thereof; to levy, collect and appropriate town-taxes; and to do and perform such other matters or things, relating to the prosperity and well being of said town, as they in their discretion may think proper, having a due regard to the constitution and laws of the state.

2. *And be it further enacted*, that if any of the said commissioners should die, remove, or refuse to act, the remaining commissioners shall have power to fill such vacancy by the appointment of others in their stead.

CHAPTER 45.

An act to authorise and empower the Commissioners of the several towns of Fayetteville, Newbern, Wilmington and Tarborough to organize and keep up Fire Engine Companies.

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 respective Commissioners of each of the towns of Fayetteville, Newbern, Wilmington and Tarborough be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to accept as Fire-men, or as members of Fire Engine companies, any number of militia-men, not exceeding the number of sixty in each of said towns, who shall be willing to belong to said Fire Companies, and who shall be enrolled by the said commissioners in the several companies to which they may be allotted, and who shall, during their voluntary enrollment of Fire-men as aforesaid, conform to such regulations and rules as the said commissioners or the bye-laws of the said companies may require.

2. *And be it further enacted*, That in consideration of the enrollment of the said persons as Fire-men, or as members of Fire Engine Companies, each and every militia-man so enrolled shall be free and exempt from the performance of any militia duties (except in cases of war, invasion or insurrection) and shall not be liable to any fines for the non-performance of militia duties; *Provided*, he obtain and produce from the captain of the Fire Company in which he is enrolled a certificate, setting forth that he is a member of his company, and that he has faithfully performed his duty as such since the period of his enrollment.

3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person so enrolled in any of the Fire Companies by the said commissioners shall be at liberty to return to the performance of military duty whenever he thinks proper; and it is hereby declared that nothing in this act contained shall be construed so as to authorise the said commissioners, or any of them, to accept as Fire-men any person who now is a member of any chartered or uniform militia company in any or either of said towns.

4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners respectively shall have full power and authority to keep up the said Fire Companies, by accepting from time to time the services of not more than sixty members in each of said towns, and are authorised to elect all officers

necessary for the due government of said companies, and to make such rules and regulations as are proper and as are necessary to carry into effect the object of this act.

CHAPTER 46.

An Act to amend the fourth section of an act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "an act concerning the navigation of Yadkin river."

WHEREAS, the said act, in the fourth section thereof, provides that all the rights, privileges and franchises granted to the Roanoke Company by the fourth, and as far as the eighteenth section of an act, passed in the year eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled "an act for the improving and the navigation of Roanoke river, from the town of Halifax to the place where the Virginia line intersects the same," be, and are hereby granted to the Yadkin Company; and the said sections shall constitute and form a part of the charter of the said company as applied to the Yadkin river: And whereas, the fourth clause of the above recited act requires that all sales of stock for balances due and owing the said company shall be made in the town of Halifax in this state, and also requires one month's notice to be given in some one news-paper published in the town of Petersburg, and one or more news-papers published in the city of Raleigh, which renders the mode of selling stock belonging to the said Yadkin Company highly inconvenient and expensive; for remedy whereof,

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 so much of the fourth section of the above recited act as requires the sale of stock to be in Halifax, and notice to be advertised in the town of Petersburg, be, and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same respects the Yadkin Navigation Company, and shall no longer be deemed and held applicable to the same, and that all sales of stock subjected to the said Yadkin Navigation Company shall, from and after the passage of this bill, take place and be held in the town of Salisbury, and that the President and Directors of the Yadkin Navigation Company shall hereafter give one month's notice of the time of such sale, by publishing the same in some one news-paper in the city of Raleigh, some one paper in Georgetown, S. C. and in the Western Carolinian, published in the town of Salisbury.

CHAPTER 47.

An Act providing for a Female department in the Greensborough Academy:

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 Female Academy which is at present in operation under the direction of certain managers in Greensborough, in Guilford county, shall in future compose a part of the Greensborough Academy already established by law, and is hereby declared to be incorporated therein by the name of the Female Department of the Greensborough Academy, and shall be under the superintendence, direction and control of the Trustees of said Academy, shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities, and subject to the same rules, regulations and restrictions as are granted to, or exercised by, the said Trustees of the said Academy, as fully, to