

May lay taxes.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of said town may lay such annual taxes, as to them may seem expedient, on all horses, mules and dogs, and on every omnibus, sulkey, gig, buggy, barouche, carriage, cart, dray, wagon or other vehicle, kept or employed in said town, and said commissioners may divide said subjects of taxation into such classes, and discriminate between such classes in the amount of the taxes imposed as to said commissioners shall seem reasonable and right.

Certificates of stock.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of said town may dispose of the certificates of the stock of said town, which are authorized to be issued by the 8th section of the act of the General Assembly of this State, entitled "an act to empower the commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes," ratified the 18th day of January 1855, below their par value: *Provided*, Said certificates shall not be disposed of at a discount exceeding ten per cent. on the par value of the same, and neither said certificates nor the interest or dividends accruing on the same, shall be subject to any tax.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification [*Ratified the 16th day of February, 1859.*]

Chap. 199. AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF "THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF TARBOROUGH," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AND TO ORGANIZE AND KEEP UP A MORE EFFICIENT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY IN SAID TOWN.

Fire engine company.

SECTION 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 commissioners of the town of Tarborough be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to organize and keep up a fire engine company for the protection of the buildings in said town, in the following manner: the commissioners shall annually, on the first Monday in May, appoint and enroll not exceeding thirty-six of the white male residents of the town, between the

ages of eighteen and forty-five years, to serve as firemen for one year; and they shall at the same time appoint the time and place for the first meeting of the company, and without delay notify the persons thus appointed of their enrollment and of the time and place appointed for the first meeting of the company, by any constable of the town, whose return in writing may be read to prove the notice; and the commissioners shall have authority at any time during the year to fill any vacancy which may occur by reason of death, removal or incapacity to serve. The fire engine company, when organized, shall be governed by such rules, regulations and by-laws as the commissioners may adopt: *Provided however*, That the commissioners shall not be authorized to require the company to meet oftener than once every month for the purpose of examining and working the engines, nor shall they have power to impose a greater fine than five dollars against any member of the company for any omission of duty.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That no person shall be enrolled in said company who may be physically or mentally unable to discharge the duties of a fireman, neither shall any person be enrolled therein oftener than each alternate year, unless it be done with his consent in writing. Enrollments.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That any person subject to enrollment as a fireman under this act, may exempt himself for two years by paying twelve dollars into the treasury of said town, for the use of the town. Exempted by paying \$12.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That each member of the fire engine company shall be exempt, during his term of service, from all militia duties, except in cases of invasion or insurrection; from serving on court juries of the regular panel, and from the payment of town capitation tax. Exempt from militia duty.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts and clauses of acts coming in conflict with this act, be and they are hereby repealed so far as they relate to the town of Tarborough. *[Ratified the 21st day of January, 1859.]*