

ern corner of W. R. Ward's lot; thence in the direction and a direct line to White Oak river, by and including Mrs. Cranmer's lot; thence up White Oak river to the beginning.

Officers.

SEC. 3. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a mayor and four commissioners and constable, and the commissioners shall have power to appoint a secretary and treasurer.

Power of commissioners.

SEC. 4. That the commissioners shall have power to pass all by-laws for the government of said town not inconsistent with the laws of the state or of the United States, and shall have power to tax all taxables within the incorporation not to exceed one fourth of the state taxes.

SEC. 5. That until their successors are elected under the laws of the state, A. B. Carroll, W. P. Ward, J. A. Pittman and R. S. McLean shall act as commissioners, and shall have power to appoint some person to act as mayor.

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the persons elected, under the laws of the state, to go before some justice of the peace for said county and take the oath prescribed by law, within five days after their election, and shall appoint a mayor and constable, and secretary and treasurer, if they deem it necessary.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of March A. D. 1877.

## CHAPTER XCIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, NUMBER ONE, OF TARBORO, EDGEcombe COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Corporators.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That John W. Cotton, Alex. McCabe, T. W. Toler

D. W. Hartt, C. J. Austin, and other citizens of the town of Tarboro, who shall be associated with them for the object intended, and their successors duly elected and chosen according to the constitution and by-laws of the said company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The Tarboro Hook and Ladder Company, Number One," of the town of Tarboro, for the purpose of more united action in the extinguishment of fire in the town of Tarboro, and by said corporate name shall have power to acquire such real and personal estate as may be requisite to subserve the legitimate purpose of the company.

SEC. 2. That said company shall, by the name and style aforesaid, have succession, sue and be sued, plead Privileges. and be impleaded, have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, and make all by-laws and rules necessary for the proper government of the company and the management of the funds, and in all matters do and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the object of the association not in conflict with the constitution of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 3. That the commissioners of the town of Tarboro are hereby authorized to place under the discretion of the said company one or more hook and ladder trucks belonging to said town and the appurtenances thereto belonging: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this clause shall Proviso. prevent the said company from purchasing such other apparatus and fixtures as they may deem necessary for their use and benefit, in such case such apparatus and fixtures shall be exclusively under the discretion of said company.

SEC. 4. That in case the truck and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be furnished by the commissioners Duty of foreman. of said town, then it shall be the duty of the foreman of said company to cause to be taken care of and preserved, in the house prepared for that purpose, the truck and appurtenances thereto belonging, and when any repairs thereto be deemed necessary by a majority of the officers

of said company, the foreman shall cause the same to be made, the expense of which repairs shall be paid by the town treasurer upon the draft of the foreman of said company.

Exemptions, &c.

SEC. 5. That the members of said company, while they continue to act as firemen, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty, except in case of insurrection or invasion, from service on juries, from working on the streets of said town, and from any tax levied for working on said streets.

Certificate of discharge.

SEC. 6. That any officer or member of said company, after five years continuous service in the company, and upon application, shall be provided by the company with a certificate of discharge from said company, signed by the foreman and countersigned by the secretary, which certificate shall, from the date of issue of the same, forever exempt said officer or member from militia or jury duty.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of March, A. D. 1877.

CHAPTER XCIV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SURETIES TO THE BOND GIVEN BY T. F. LEE, LATE SHERIFF OF WAKE COUNTY, FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE TAXES OF SAID COUNTY FOR THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Judgment has been taken against the sureties to the bond given by T. F. Lee, late sheriff of Wake county, for the collection of the taxes for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, for a penalty in addition to the amount of taxes due by said Lee.