

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff of the said county of Craven, or any of his proper deputies, and he or any of them is hereby authorized and required to open an election on the Monday preceding the day of holding the elections in said county at the house of Jesse Bryan aforesaid; and the ballots there taken shall be sealed up by the Inspectors in the presence of the Sheriff or his deputy who held the election, and by them to be transmitted to the court-house under the care of the said Sheriff or his deputy; which shall be counted out, and are hereby declared to be part of the election for said county; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all that part of the inhabitants of Beaufort county, that lies on the south side of Pamlico river, and east side of Durham's creek, shall after the passing of this act, hold separate general musters at Stanton Harrold's on South Dividing creek, under the command of some field officer of said county as aforesaid, under the same rules and regulations as other militia of this state.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Sheriff of Beaufort county be, and he is hereby authorized and required, to open all future elections for Representatives on the Monday preceding the day of elections for said county of Beaufort, at Stanton Harrold's, on South Dividing creek; and the ballots there taken shall be sealed up by the Inspectors, in the presence of the Sheriff or his deputy who held the election, and by them to be transmitted to the court-house of said county, under the care of said Sheriff or his deputy; which shall be counted out at the close of the election, and are hereby declared to be part of the election for said county; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XLII.

*An Act to incorporate a Fire-Company in the town of Washington.*

I. *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 from and after the passing of this act, that John Warden, William M'Daniel, Samuel Hodges, William Harris, John Gray Blount, Peter Cass, Cox Court, William Keals, Stephen Miner, and such others as will be joined, or hereafter may be willing to join the company, are hereby declared to be a body corporate, by the name of the Washington Fire-Company.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said company shall be capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, before any jurisdiction in this state having cognizance thereof; and that they may elect and appoint all necessary officers, and from time to time form such rules, regulations and bye-laws as they think proper, for the regulation of said company: *Provided* such rules, regulations and bye-laws, shall not be repugnant to, or inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in case of a fire breaking out and spreading, so as imminently to endanger and threaten the destruction of the adjacent houses, a majority of the officers of the said company, together with one or more of the Commissioners of the said town, shall, and they are hereby declared to be vested with full and complete power and authority to direct, and cause such houses and buildings, or any adjacent one, to be blown up with powder, or otherwise destroyed, to prevent the fire from spreading; and shall not be held, or deemed responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained by the owner or owners of any such house, or building; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XLIII.

*An Act for the better regulation of the town of Rockford, in the county of Surry, and for adding part of Wilkes to Surry county.*

W H E R E A S the situation of the court-house in said county, is very near those of dwelling and other houses, that renders the said court-house very dangerous of fire:

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That no person hereafter, under the violation of this act, shall build or erect, or cause to be erected, any other chimney, in the improvement of their lots, than a good brick or stone chimney, that will not render the said court-house, or other houses, in danger of the fire thereof.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons, who shall build or erect any other chimney than aforesaid, in violation of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. *And whereas* the inhabitants of Wilkes county, living on the head of Mitchell's and Fiske's rivers, are much more convenient to the court-house in the county of Surry, than to Wilkes court-house, and have requested their representatives in General Assembly to have them annexed to the county of Surry: *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That from and after the passing of this act, all that part of Wilkes county that lies east of the following line, shall be, and the same is hereby annexed to the county of Surry; beginning on the line that divides Wilkes and Surry counties, where the ridge that divides the waters of Mitchell's river from those of Elkin, thence along the said ridge to the extreme height of the Appalachian mountain, then along the extreme height of the said mountain, to the Virginia line.

IV. *Provided* that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to extend to prevent the Sheriffs and Collectors of Wilkes county from collecting all arrearages of taxes that may be now due.

C H A P. XLIV.

*An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Wild-Cats, Panthers and Bears in the county of Carteret.*

W H E R E A S the great increase of Wolves, Wild Cats, Panthers and Bears in the county of Carteret, is found to be injurious and prejudicial to the inhabitants thereof:

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the Justices of the county court of Carteret shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered at the first term of the said court, which shall be in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three; and at the second term of said court in each, and every succeeding year, to lay a tax on the inhabitants, and taxable property of said county, not exceeding six pence on each poll, and two pence on every hundred acres of land; to be collected by the public collectors, and be accounted for, and paid to the Commissioners hereafter named, for the purpose of granting bounties to persons who shall kill any Wolves, Wild Cats, Panthers and Bears; that is to say, for killing a Wolf, twenty shillings; for killing a Wild Cat, four shillings; for killing a Panther, twenty shillings; for killing a Bear, sixteen shillings.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That Benjamin Davis, Aaron Prescott and Newell Bell, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to account with, and receive from the Collector aforesaid, the amount of the said taxes; and the clerk of the said court is hereby required to make out a list of the taxable polls, and quantity of lands within the said county, and furnish the said Commissioners therewith, under the penalty of ten pounds, to be recovered by action of debt, to the use of any person who will sue for the same; and the said court shall take



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## N O R T H C A R O L I N A.

At a GENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at NEWBURN, on the nineteenth day of NOVEMBER, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Two, and in the Seventeenth Year of the Independence of the said State: Being the First Session of the said Assembly,

1792.

ALEXANDER, MARTIN, Esq. Governor.

### C H A P. I.

An Act for raising a revenue for the payment of the Civil List and contingent charges of government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

I. **B**E it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, a tax of eight pence on every hundred acres of land in this state, and a tax of two shillings upon every hundred pounds value of town lots, with their improvements, and a tax of two shillings on every poll, shall be levied, collected and accounted for as is directed by the several acts of Assembly for that case made and provided; except that instead of making the returns of taxable property as heretofore required, they shall and may be made hereafter in the following form, to wit,

Land and poll tax.

Persons Names.	Quantity of land.	Town lots.	Situation thereof.	Number of free polls.	Number of black polls.	Stud horses.	Wheels of pleasure.
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Form of the return.

II. **A**nd be it further enacted, That a tax on every carriage wheel of pleasure of two shillings, together with a tax on all stud horses within this state of the one-fourth part of the sum which the owner of such stud horse shall ask for the season of one mare to such stud horse, shall be levied, collected and accounted for in the same manner that such taxes have heretofore been levied, collected and accounted for.

Tax on wheels & stud horses.

III. **A**nd be it further enacted, That no sinking fund tax shall be collected for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

Sinking fund tax not to be collected.

IV. **A**nd it further enacted, That no allowance shall be made for insolvents to Sheriffs or receivers of public money, unless such Sheriff or Collector shall make oath that the list by him rendered to be allowed as insolvents, was so at the time he ought by law to have accounted for such collection.

Allowance for insolvents.

### C H A P. II.

An Act to amend the revenue laws of this state, and to direct the mode in which those who hereafter shall complain of its judgments may obtain redress.

**W**HEREAS the due collection of the taxes and of the arrears due the state, is impeded by the manner in which injunctions and other process issuing from the courts of equity are obtained by public debtors:

I. **B**e it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the state of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That in future no injunction bill or other process in equity, requiring a stay of any execution obtained against a citizen or citizens on the part of the state, shall be granted by the Judges hereof, or any of them, until the complainant or complainants shall first produce a receipt from the public Treasurer, shewing the actual payment and discharge in full of all such part of the judgment obtained as aforesaid as he or they by their bill of complaint shall not on oath be ready to declare is unjust.

Manner of obtaining injunctions, &c.

II. **A**nd be it further enacted, That all injunctions and other process which may hereafter be obtained as aforesaid in consequence of judgments to be had by the state, shall be returnable and returned to the court of equity for the district of Hillsborough, and the hearing and decree in such cases shall be had in that court only.

where returnable, &c.

III. **A**nd

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