

CHAP. XII.

An Act to incorporate the Neptune Fire Company, in the Town of Washington.

SEC. 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* Thomas H. Hardenbergh, Lewis B. Myers, O. W. Telfair, and other free white male citizens of the town of Washington, are hereby authorized to form and enroll themselves into a Fire Engine Company, to be styled the "Neptune Fire Company:" *Provided*, the number of members shall not exceed forty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, by the authority of the same, That* the Commissioners of the town of Washington are hereby authorized to place under the direction of the said Company, one or more of the Fire Engines belonging to said town, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging: *Provided however*, that nothing in this clause shall prevent the said Company from purchasing such engines and fixtures, as they may require or deem necessary for their use and benefit; in which case such engines and fixtures shall be exclusively under the direction of said Company.

SEC. 3 *And be it further enacted by authority of the same, That* in case the engine and appurtenances thereunto belonging, shall be furnished by the Commissioners of the said town, that it shall be the duty of the Captain of the said Company to cause to be taken care of and preserved in the House prepared for that purpose, the Engine and appurtenances thereunto belonging; and when any repairs thereof be deemed necessary by a majority of the officers of the said Company, the Captain shall cause the same to be done; the expenses for which repairs shall be paid by the Town Treasurer, or, for want thereof, by the

Commissioners of the said town, on the draft of the Captain of said Company; which draft, when paid; shall be considered good as sufficient vouchers in the settlement of the Town Taxes.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That the members of the aforesaid Fire Company, while they continue to act as firemen, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty, except in cases of insurrection, or invasion, and from the performance of other engine duty.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That a majority of the members of the said Company shall have power and authority to make such bye-laws, rules and regulations, for their government, as to them seem best, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States and of this State; that all fines and penalties incurred by virtue of this act, or by any of the said bye-laws, shall be recoverable before the police magistrate of the said town, or any justice of the peace for the county of Beaufort: *provided* the right of appeal shall be secured to either party, as it now exists in cases of judgments before a single justice.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted by authority of the same,* That all laws and clauses of laws, coming within the meaning and purview of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed and made void.

[Ratified the 26th of January, 1843.]

CHAP XIII.

An Act to incorporate the Franklin Fire Company of Little Rockfish Town, in the County of Cumberland.

SEC. 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 Alonzo R. Ketchum, Roderick M'Rae and Daniel Patterson, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose hereinafter named.