

restrictions as other collections of taxes, by virtue of the laws of this State; and he shall be invested with the same power and authority for that purpose which is vested in sheriffs by the laws of this State: *Provided*, That the authority by this act granted shall not extend to persons who have removed from the county, or to executors or administrators, or to any person who will voluntarily swear, before the justice of the peace for that county, that he or she verily believes that the arrears of taxes claimed from him or her have been paid.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the power and authority hereby granted shall cease and determine with the year 1859, except as to such legal proceedings as may then be pending by virtue of this act.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the — day of February, 1859.*]

*Chap. 252.* AN ACT TO EXEMPT MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON FROM JURY DUTY.

Exempt from  
jury duty.

*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 all regular members of the Ocean and Neptune companies, constituting the fire department in the town of Washington, shall be exempt from jury duty in the county of Beaufort: *Provided however*, That said exemption shall continue only so long as said companies shall maintain an active and efficient organization, and no longer. [*Ratified the 16th day of February, 1859.*]

*Chap. 253.* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE SURETIES OF E. L. ALLEN, LATE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF POLK, TO COLLECT ARREARAGES OF TAXES.

May collect  
taxes.]

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 sureties of E. L. Allen,