

jurisdiction of the offence, shall be fined at the discretion of the Court, not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 4. This act shall be force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 1st day of April, A. D. 1869.

CHAPTER LXXVII.

AN AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE JOSEPH C. ABBOTT FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

Body corporate.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That J. H. Howe, J. Harris, Peter Bradley, J. D. Davis, James Richardson, Simon Hays, David Jenkins, David Mosely, William Howe, Thomas Moore, William Whitley, Richard Jones, Emanuel Jones, Henry Sampson, Sandy Camiel and other persons who shall be associated with them for the object intended, and their successors, duly elected and chosen according to the by-laws of the association, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Joseph C. Abbott Fire Relief Association, for the purpose of more united and efficient action in the extinguishment of fire in the City of Wilmington, and by this style and name shall have power to acquire fire engines and appurtenances thereto, and such real estate as may be needful for their proper care and custody, the value of which shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That said Association shall by the name and style aforesaid, have succession, sue and be sued, plead 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 association and the management of its funds, not inconsistent with the laws of the State,

and in all matters do and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the object of their association.

SEC. 3. That the members in actual service of the association, performing duties when required, shall be exempt during the continuance of such service, from jury and militia duty. Exemptions.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 1st day of April, A. D. 1869.

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FOUR OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILMINGTON HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY," RATIFIED FEBRUARY, TWENTY-SIXTH, ANNO DOMINI EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That section four of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company," ratified February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be amended as follows: by adding at the end of the above cited section, after the word "juries," the words "and members of said corporation, after five years active service, shall be exempted from all militia, fire and jury duty." Amendment

SEC. 2. That after five years of active service in said Company a certificate of discharge may be issued by the Foreman thereof, to any member or members applying for the same by the consent of a majority of the members of said Company voting thereon. Certificate of discharge.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 1st day of April, A. D. 1869.