

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 256 OF THE LAWS OF 1858-59, RATIFIED THE 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1859, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HOWARD RELIEF FIRE ENGINE COMPANY IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, N. C."

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Board of Aldermen of the city of Wilmington, N. C., has abolished the Volunteer Fire Department of said city, and in lieu of, and substitution therefor, has adopted a paid Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, The Howard Relief Fire Engine Company desires to continue its organization for purely benevolent and charitable purposes, and provide for the relief of its members in sickness and distress; therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Chapter 256, Laws
1858-59, amended.

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 256 of the Laws of 1858-59 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Fire Engine" in the last line of said section, so that the name of said corporation shall be "Howard Relief Company," and by that name shall be able and capable, in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court in this State, and to adopt a constitution and all such by-laws, rules and regulations for its government, as are not inconsistent with the laws of this State or of the United States.

SEC. 2. That section 2 of said chapter 256 of the Laws of 1858-59 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" in the third line of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the words "twenty five."

Members not
individually
liable.

SEC. 3. That the members of said corporation shall not be individually liable for the debts of said corporation.

Purpose, benevo-
lence and charity.

SEC. 4. That the purposes of said corporation being solely those of benevolence and charity, the property now owned, or to be hereafter acquired by said corporation shall be exempt from all State, county and municipal taxation.

Exempt from
taxation.

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

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 18th day of January, A. D. 1901.