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At a General Assembly, begun and held at the City of Raleigh, on Monday the nineteenth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten, and in the Thirty-Fifth Year of the Independence of this State.

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BENJAMIN SMITH, ESQ. GOVERNOR.

CHAP. I.

An Act to raise a Revenue for the payment of the civil list and contingent charges of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

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 for the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, a tax of eight-pence on every hundred acres of land within this State, and a tax of two shillings on every hundred pounds value of town lots with their improvements, as well on those not established by law as those that have been established, and a tax of two shillings on every poll, shall be levied, collected and accounted for, in the same manner as such taxes have heretofore been levied, collected and accounted for. Tax on lands, town-lots and polls.

II. And be it further enacted, That a tax on all stud-horses and jack-asses within this State, of the full sum which the owner or keeper of such stud-horse or jack-ass shall ask, demand or receive for the season of one mare, shall be levied, collected and accounted for as above. On stud-horses, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That all free males, between the ages of twenty-one and fifty, and all slaves, between the ages of twelve and fifty years, shall be subject to a poll-tax: Provided, that all slaves be listed in the county wherein they reside, and the tax shall be collected accordingly. Who are subject to pay a poll-tax.

IV. And be it enacted, That each and every person who shall hereafter peddle or hawk goods, wares or merchandize, in any of the counties in this State, not of the manufacture of this State, shall pay to the Sheriff of each county in which he, she or they may so peddle or hawk goods, the sum of forty shillings, and shall obtain a receipt from such Sheriff for the same, which receipt so obtained shall authorize such person or persons to hawk and peddle goods in such county, and no other, for the term of one year; which tax so received by the Sheriff, shall be accounted for by him in like manner as other taxes. And if any person or persons shall hereafter peddle and hawk goods as aforesaid in any county of this State, without having first paid to the Sheriff of such county the aforesaid tax of forty shillings, and obtained a receipt for the same, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds. And the several Sheriffs of this State are hereby authorized and required to collect the same by distress and sale of the goods or property of such delinquent; and the forfeiture or penalty so levied, shall be applied, one half to the use of the State and the other half to the use of the Sheriff who shall collect the same. Tax on pedlars.

V. And be it further enacted, That all merchants, either wholesale or retail, shall pay a tax; if a wholesale merchant, the sum of five pounds, and if a retailing merchant, the sum of two pounds ten shillings, on each and every store in this State, at which they shall sell any goods, wares or merchandize to the amount of two hundred pounds in any one year. And all merchants or owners of stores as aforesaid, shall give in his, her or their store or stores, as the case may be, with a list of their taxable property, under the same rules and regulations that other taxable property is given in; which tax shall be levied, collected and accounted for, in the same manner as other Tax on merchants.

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CHAP. CXXIX.

An Act to secure Property to a Religious Society therein mentioned.

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of North-Carolina, That Philip Bruce, John Buxton, John Whitaker, Eli B. Whitaker, Edward J. Jones, Jesse Cobb, Edward Hall, Joel Rivers, Robert Jones, senior, Hill Jones, William Bellamy, Benjamin W. Lucas, James Judge, Francis Tate, Henry Bradford, John Early, Edmund Jones, Robert Jones, junior, Joseph J. Williams, Geraldus Toole, Lawrence O'Bryan, Henry Austin, Eli Porter and Willie Connor, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, to be called and known by the name of *The Benevolent Society*, who are hereby vested with all the powers and authorities which are given to Religious Societies by an act passed in the year 1796, entitled "An act to secure property to Religious Societies or Congregations of every denomination," and also by another act passed in the year 1809, entitled "An act to amend an act passed in 1796, entitled An act to secure property to Religious Societies or Congregations of every denomination;" any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. CXXX.

An Act to divorce Nathaniel Bryan, of the County of Bladen, from his Wife Eleanor.

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, Nathaniel Bryan, of the county of Bladen, be, and he is hereby divorced from his wife Eleanor, in as full and ample a manner, to all intents and purposes, as if the rites of matrimony had never been solemnized between them, and they are hereby divorced accordingly; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. CXXXI.

An Act to confirm the Marriage, and legitimate the Children of Jeremiah Vaughn and Nancy Fox.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the legality of the marriage of Jeremiah Vaughn, of the county of Warren, with Nancy Fox, of the county of Greenville, and State of Virginia, in consequence of the licence having been obtained in the county of Northampton, in this State, and the marriage ceremony performed in the county of Greenville, and State of Virginia, by William Garnera, Methodist Preacher of the Gospel, living in the county of Northampton aforesaid: For remedy whereof,

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 marriage of the said Jeremiah Vaughn with the said Nancy Fox, as aforesaid, shall be considered, and the same is hereby declared to be legal and valid, to all intents and purposes; and the children of the said marriage, which now are, or may hereafter be, shall be considered the lawful issue thereof, and be as capable of inheriting and taking property of any kind from either of their parents, or any other person, as if there had been no defect in the celebration of the said marriage.

CHAP. CXXXII.

An Act to alter the Names of the Persons therein mentioned, and to legitimate a part thereof.

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 name of Laban Henly, of Craven county, and his two sons John and William, be, and the same are hereby altered to that of Laban Morris, John Morris and William Morris; and the name of Ned (a man of colour) of Richmond county, to that of Edward Gauntlett; and the name of Nancy Brinky, of Gates county, to that of Nancy Harvey; and the name of Isabella Clary Stallions, of Nash county, to that of Isabella Clara Hamilton; and the name of William Smith, of Sampson county, to that of William Smith Herring; and the name of James Harrison, of Granville county, to that of James Stark; and the name of Sharp Blount Poppin, of Hyde county, to that of Sharp Blount Lucas; and the name of Elizabeth Skinner, of Greene county to that of Elizabeth Smilar; and the name of Eunice Ryley, of Guilford county, to that of Eunice Wilson; and the names of Elizabeth Temple and Robert Temple, of Johnston county, to that of Elizabeth Massengill and Robert Massengill; and the name of Celah Williams, of Nash county, to that of Celah Crowell; and the name of Alonzo Willons, of Johnston county, to that of Alonzo Smith; and the name of Mary Perry, of Haywood county, to that of Mary Gooch; and the name of Reddin Monk, of Duplin county, to that of Reddin Barfield; and the name of Priscilla Hall, of Randolph county, to that of Priscilla Jones. Grissy Hill, Tabitha Hill, Rachel Hill and Lucy Hill, of Wake county, to that of Grissy Lassiter, Tabitha Lassiter, Rachel Lassiter and Lucy Lassiter; Mary Swinbroad, of Onslow county, to that of Mary Pitt. And the aforesaid persons shall be called and known by the names as above altered; and shall be able, respectively, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and shall possess and enjoy the same privileges as if they had borne the names as above altered from their nativity.

II. And be it further enacted, That the following persons, who are mentioned in the first section of this act, to-wit: Celah Crowell, the reputed child of John Crowell; Elizabeth Massengill and Robert Massengill, the reputed children of Henry Massengill; Eunice Wilson, the reputed child of Michael Wilson; Elizabeth Smilar, the reputed child of David Smilar; Sharp Blount Lucas, the reputed child of Samuel Lucas; Isabella Clary Hamilton, the reputed child of Thomas Hamilton; Nancy Harvey, the reputed child of Sally Brinky, the petitioner; Alonzo Smith, the reputed child of John A. Smith, shall forever hereafter be legitimated and made capable to possess, inherit and enjoy, by descent or otherwise, any estate, either real or personal, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been born in actual wedlock.

CHAP. CXXXIII.

An Act to secure to the persons therein mentioned such property as they may hereafter acquire.

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, Mary Crowde, of Buncombe county, wife of Elijah Crowder; Susanna Herring, wife of Frederick Herring; Nancy Jones, of Surry county, wife of George James; Sarah Wren, of Nash county, wife of Howel Wren; Barbara Wilkinson, of Duplin county, wife of Jehu Wilkinson; Betsy Walker, wife of Joseph Walker; Susanna Holtscaw, of Robeson county, wife of Nathan Holtscaw; Eddy Davis, of Pitt county, wife of Lewis Davis; Eve Low, of Rowan county, wife of Thomas Low; Mildred Davis, of Buncombe county, wife of William Davis; Martha