



THE  
LAWS  
OF  
THE STATE OF  
NORTH-CAROLINA,  
ENACTED IN THE YEAR  
1819.

Transmitted according to Law, to

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## CHAPTER XIX.

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An Act to amend the acts respecting lands sold for taxes.

*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 sheriff of every county shall at the term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of his county, next preceding the day he shall fix for the sale of any lands for taxes, in open court return a list of the tracts of land upon which the taxes are unpaid, and which he proposes to sell for the taxes; therein mentioning the owner of each tract and if the owner be unknown, the name of the last known or reputed owner shall be mentioned, the situation of said lands, and the amount of tax thereon due, which said list shall be read aloud in open court, recorded by the clerk, upon the minutes of the court, and a copy thereof shall be put up by the said clerk, during the said term, in the court room.

Sheriff to return to the county Court before he sells a list of the lands to be sold for taxes.

II. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the sheriff at the term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of his county, next after any sale of lands by him made for taxes, to return to said court a list of the tracts of land by him sold for taxes, the quality thereof so bid off for the tax, the name of the purchaser, and the sum due or paid to said sheriff, by said purchaser for tax and charges, which list shall be read aloud by the Clerk in open Court, shall be recorded in the minutes of the court, and a copy thereof shall be put up by the clerk during the said term in the court room.

Also to return a list of sales.

III. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be competent for any person desiring to redeem said lands, to pay the sum due for the redemption thereof, to the clerk of the said court, whose receipt shall discharge the said land from all claim from the purchaser: *Provided,* such payment be made within the time fixed by law for redemption of lands sold for taxes; and *Provided also,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to dispense with the advertisement by the sheriff of his sales of lands for taxes as now by law directed.

But advertisement to be made as usual.

## CHAPTER XX.

An Act to amend an act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "an act concerning divorce and Alimony."

*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 when on complaint and due proof made, a competent court shall hereafter decree a divorce from bed and board, the wife so divorced shall have capacity to acquire, retain and dispose of all such property as may thereafter be procured by her own industry or may accrue to her by descent, devise, gift, bequest or many other manner; and that the said property shall not be liable to the power, dominion, controul or debts of her husband, but on her death without a disposition thereof by her, shall be transmissible in the same manner as though she were unmarried.

After divorce the wife can hold and transmit property.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That after a divorce decreed

1819. as aforesaid, the wife may sue and be sued without joining her husband, and may claim redress for, and be made liable upon. Also may contracts and injuries thereafter made and done as though she were a feme sole.

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equal.

#### CHAPTER XXI.

An Act to provide for the payment of witnesses on behalf of the state in certain cases.

*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 hereafter witnesses summoned or recognized on behalf of the state, to attend on any prosecution either in the Superior or County Courts and the defendant by law shall not be bound to pay the same, and the court do not order them to be paid by the prosecutor, shall be paid by the county in which said prosecution was commenced.

Witnesses  
to be paid  
by the coun-  
ty in cer-  
tain cases.

#### CHAPTER XXII.

An Act to amend an act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled "An act to prevent conspiracies and insurrections among slaves."

*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 when any slave or slaves shall hereafter be convicted of either of the felonies created and recited in the first or second section of said recited act, he, she or they shall suffer death without benefit of clergy; or be transported according to the provisions of said recited act.

Death or  
transporta-  
tion.

#### CHAPTER XXIII.

An Act to repeal part of an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "an act for the more regular collecting and accounting for the public taxes."

*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 so much of an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "an act for the more regular collecting, payment of, and accounting for the public taxes" as requires that the bond directed by law to be annually given by the Public Treasurer, shall be approved by the Governor's council, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Dispenses  
with the ap-  
probation of  
the coun-  
cil to the  
bond.

#### CHAPTER XXIV.

An Act for the speedy decision of controversies about lands conveyed to or condemned for the use of Companies incorporated for cutting canals or for other public purposes.

*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 in all cases where disputes have arisen or shall arise between an incorporated company, for cutting a canal, or for other public purposes, and any individual or individuals, claiming the possession of, or title to, land alleged to have been conveyed

Courts &  
Superior  
courts may  
decide



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