

A. D. 1773.
Continuance of
the Act.

VI. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be and continue in Force for and during the Term of Five Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly, and no longer.

C H A P. XVII.

An additional Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a School-House in the Town of Newbern.

Preamble.
I. **W**HEREAS the incorporated Society for promoting and establishing the Public School in *Newbern* have taken up Four Lots of Land, lying in the said Town, known in the Plan thereof by the Numbers or Figures 313, 327, 328, and 329, and are contiguous to, and in the same Square, in which the said Society have erected a large and convenient Building, for the Use and Accommodation of the Master and Scholars of the said School; and it being inconvenient that any other Buildings sufficient to save the said Lots should be erected on the same:

Lots declared to be saved.
II. *BE* it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Building already erected, shall be held, deemed, and taken to be a sufficient Saving and Improvement of the said Lots Number 313, 327, 328, and 329, within the Extent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided; and the said Four Lots are hereby declared to be saved and improved Lots accordingly, and vested in the Trustees of the said incorporated Society, and their Successors, for ever, in Trust and Confidence, to and for the Use of the said School; any Act or Acts of Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XVIII.

An Act to prevent hunting with a Gun in the Night by Fire Light.

Preamble.
I. **W**HEREAS many Persons, under Pretence of hunting for Deer in the Night by Fire Light, kill Horses and Cattle, to the Prejudice of the Owners thereof:

Pen. for Fire-hunting.
II. *BE* it therefore Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons shall be discovered hunting in the Woods with a Gun in the Night Time, by Fire Light, such Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, Proclamation Money, to be recovered by a Warrant from any Justice of the Peace in the County; one Half to the Informer, the other Half to the Use of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed: And upon due Conviction thereof before such Justice on Trial, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice thereupon to give Judgment, and award Execution against the Body, Goods or Chattels, of the Offender, and order such Offender to the County Gaol, there to remain one Month, without Bail or Mainprize, or until the said Fine, and the Fees accruing thereon, shall be paid.

Pen. on Slaves.
III. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Slave or Slaves shall be discovered hunting in Manner herein before mentioned, such Slave or Slaves shall, upon due Conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of the County, have and receive Fifty Lashes on his bare Back, well laid on; and the Gun or Guns found in the Possession of any Slave so hunting in the Night as aforesaid, shall be forfeited to, and become the Property of the Person or Persons that shall discover and prosecute any Slave or Slaves in Manner as aforesaid.

IV. *AND*

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That an Act of Assembly, passed at Newbern, in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to prevent hunting for and killing Deer in the Manner therein mentioned, be from henceforth repealed and made void.*

A. D. 1773.
Repealing Clause.

C H A P. XIX.

An additional Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Town of Newbern, and for securing the Titles of Persons who hold Lots in the said Town.

I. **W**HEREAS from the great Increase of Buildings in the Town of *Newbern*, Damages may hereafter arise by Fire; and it appearing necessary that Water Engines, and other Instruments for extinguishing Fire, be procured as soon as possible :

Assembly.

II. *BE it Enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the Commissioners of the said Town, or the Majority of them, shall, and they are hereby required, to assess and value every House within the said Town (Public Buildings excepted) and to lay a Tax on such Value, not exceeding Two Shillings in the One Hundred Pound, for each Year, during the Continuance of this Act; and also in like Manner assess the Trades or Faculties of all Residents who are not Owners of Houses in the said Town, Regard' being had to their Circumstances, so that the Assessment may be equally proportioned to the Danger they may be subject to by Fire; which Money, assessed on the Owners of Houses and Residents as aforesaid, shall be collected and applied towards purchasing a Water Engine, Buckets, Ladders, and other Instruments proper for extinguishing Fire, and erecting one or more Public Pumps; and if any Person shall neglect or refuse to pay such Assessment, the same shall be levied by a Warrant, under the Hands of the Commissioners, or a Majority of them, directed to the Sheriff of *Craven* County, or to the Constable of the said Town, on the Effects of such Delinquent or Delinquents: And as soon as such Engine, and other Instruments for extinguishing Fire as aforesaid, shall be procured, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or a Majority of them, to appoint and establish a Fire Company to manage and work the said Engine.*

Houses taxed for purchasing Fire Engines, &c.

Fire Company established.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Fire Company to be appointed in Virtue of this Act, shall once in every Month exercise themselves, and work the said Engine; and also be ready, in Case of an Alarm by Fire, to repair to the Place where such Fire shall happen, to be with the said Engine and other Instruments, and then and there use their utmost Efforts to extinguish the same, under the Penalty of forfeiting each Five Pounds, Proclamation Money, for such Refusal or Neglect; to be recovered and applied as herein after directed.*

Their Duty.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Fire Company for the Town of *Newbern*, and each and every of them, during the Time they continue to comply with the Directions of this Act, shall be exempt from bearing Arms at Musters, and serving on any Jury; any Thing contained in any Law to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

Their Privileges.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Householder within the said Town of *Newbern* shall procure, or cause to be procured, within Six Months after the passing of this Act, Two sufficient Leather Buckets, and a Ladder, of not less than Twenty Five Feet long, and keep the same in continual Readiness against any Alarm by the breaking out of Fire in the said Town; on Neglect whereof, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay Forty Shillings, for every Year they continue or neglect to be furnished as aforesaid.*

Housekeepers to procure Buckets and Ladders.

VI. *AND*