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successors, before the court of the county wherein the delinquent person shall reside, where the penalty shall exceed ten dollars, and where it shall not exceed that sum, the same shall be recoverable by warrant before a justice of the peace of such county.

Commencement. 7. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

CHAP. 79.—An ACT authorizing William Bentley and Edward Moseley to erect a toll-bridge over Staunton river.

(Passed December 20, 1804.)

W. Bentley and E. Moseley may erect toll-bridge over Staunton.

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That it shall be lawful for William Bentley and Edward Moseley, their heirs and assigns, to erect a bridge from the land of the said Bentley, in the county of Halifax, over Staunton river, to the land of the said Edward Moseley, on the opposite shore, in the county of Charlotte, at some convenient place contiguous to the ferry commonly called and known by the name of Bibb's ferry.

Rates of toll.

2. So soon as the said bridge shall be completed, it shall be lawful for the said William Bentley and Edward Moseley, their heirs and assigns, to demand and receive the following tolls and rates, for the passage of the following things, that is to say: For a man, four cents; for a horse, four cents; for a coach, chariot, or a four wheel chaise, or waggon and driver, the same as six horses; for every cart, two wheel chaise, or chair, as for two horses; for every hogshead of tobacco, as for one horse; for every head of neat cattle, as for one horse; for every sheep, goat, lamb, or hog, one fourth part of the tollage of a horse.

Penalty for taking too much.

3. If the collector of tolls at the said place shall demand and receive from any person greater rates than are hereby allowed for the passage of any thing, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the party grieved, the tolls demanded and received, and two dollars, to be recovered with costs, before a justice of the peace of the county where the offence shall be committed.

Court, when may cause ferry to be put down.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as the said bridge shall be so far completed, as in the opinion of the county courts of Charlotte and Halifax, to admit of a safe passage for travellers and other things, they shall be, and are hereby authorized to cause the aforesaid ferry to be put down and discontinued.

Commencement.

5. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

CHAP. 80.—An ACT concerning Charlestown in the county of Jefferson.

(Passed January 5, 1805.)

Trustees to be elected annually.

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly,* That it shall be lawful for the freeholders and housekeepers, being white male persons above the age of twenty-one years, and who shall have resided in Charlestown in Jefferson county, one year next preceding the election, to meet at the courthouse in said town, on the first Tuesday in May next, and on the same day annually thereafter, and elect seven discreet persons, being freeholders or housekeepers as aforesaid, as trustees for the said town, who, upon being so-elected, shall have power to regulate the streets and alleys in the said town, and may pass such bye-laws respecting the market and other internal regulations of the said town (not contrary to the laws of this commonwealth, or the United States) as to them, or a majority of them, shall seem fit; to impose fines for violating any of the said rules

Their powers and duties.

and regulations, not exceeding ten dollars for any offence; which fines may be recovered with costs, in the name of the trustees, or a majority of them, for the benefit of the said town, by warrant before any justice of the peace of the said county of Jefferson. If it should so happen that an election of trustees should not be made on the day above mentioned, the sheriff of the said county shall advertise notice thereof at least ten days, and cause such election to be held on a day by him to be appointed; and the trustees previously appointed, if any there should be, shall continue in office until such election shall take place. Upon the removal beyond the limits of the said town, death, or resignation of any of the trustees, the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned, by appointing any person or persons qualified as aforesaid, to act until the next annual election.

If How to proceed when no election.

2. *And be it further enacted*, That Matthew Frame, George North, Ferdinando Fairfax, Alexander Saunderson, Thomas Flagg, Willoughby W. Lane, Joseph W. Davis, Thomas Griggs, junior, and George Tate, gentlemen, of the county of Jefferson, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby authorized to raise by lottery or lotteries, the sum of eight thousand dollars, for the purpose of conveying water by pipes or otherwise, into Charlestown aforesaid, and for purchasing a fire engine for the use of the said town.

Commissioners for lottery in said town.

3. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

Commencement.

CHAP. 81.—An ACT to make compensation to certain commissioners from this state to the state of North Carolina.

(Passed January 29, 1805.)

Whereas, by a resolution of the assembly of Virginia, at their last session, commissioners were appointed to wait on the legislature of North Carolina, with authority to enter into stipulations for the purpose of opening navigable canals from Roanoke river to Meherrin river, and from Nansemond river to Bennett's creek, in the state of North Carolina; and it appears to this general assembly that Thomas Swepson, Robert H. Fisher and William Munford, gentlemen, three of the said commissioners, performed that duty, and that the said Thomas Swepson and Robert H. Fisher were, for the space of twenty days, and the said William Munford, sixteen days, necessarily engaged therein:

Preamble.

1. *Be it therefore enacted by the general assembly*, That the auditor of public accounts shall be, and he hereby is authorized and required to issue a warrant in favour of the said three commissioners, for the sum of four dollars for each day of their attendance as aforesaid, which shall be paid out of any money in the treasury.

Auditor to grant warrant.

2. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

Commencement.

CHAP. 82.—An ACT for incorporating the town of Lynchburg, and enlarging the same.

(Passed January 10, 1805.)

1. *Be it enacted by the general assembly*, That it shall be lawful for the freeholders and housekeepers who shall have been resident in the town of Lynchburg in the county of Campbell, three months next preceding every election to be held by virtue of this act, to meet at some convenient place in the said town, annually,

Freeholders to choose annually 12 persons.