STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Department of The Secretary of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, Rufus L. Edmisten, *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (* TWO *sheets) to be a true copy of*

ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

PERTAINING TO THE CHARTER OF

THE TOWN OF NASHVILLE IN NASH COUNTY

(Laws of North Carolina - 1815)

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.*

Done in Office, *at Raleigh, this* 22ND *day of* JUNE *in the year of our Lord* 1992.

Rufus L. Edmisten

Secretary of State

the county of Wake, whose duty it shall be to cause the said slaves to be apprehended and dealt with according to law. And the said constable shall be entitled for his services herein, to one fourth part of the hire of all such slaves as shall be convicted of said offence, for the time for which they shall be hired out by direction of said court, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. XXI.

An act to appoint commissioners to fix on a suitable and central place in the county of Nash, for erecting the Court-House and other public buildings, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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 Jesse Bass, Littleberry White, Curtis Joyner, John Vick, Samuel Westray, David Ricks, Alexander Sorsby, Isaac Watkins, Joseph Arrington, (Sheriff) Robert C. Hilliard, Michael Collins, George Boddie, John Rice, sen. John Taylor, Bartlett Deans, William Horn, Dempsey Harrison and Pilgrim Williams, be appointed commissioners to fix on a proper place at or near the centre of said county, where the court-house, gaol and other public buildings shall be erected, and the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall be authorised to purchase not less than fifty acres of land, at such place as shall be fixed on by said commissioners for erecting the public buildings as aforesaid, in said county of Nash.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That Joseph Hopkins, Wiley Buntain, David Rix, Samuel Smith, Robert C. Hilliard, Michael Collins, Archibald Lemon, Thomas Horn and Wilson Taylor, junior, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to lay off the said ground purchased by the above commissioners, in lots of convenient size, and sell the same (except so much as is necessary for the public buildings) to the highest bidder, on a credit of nine or twelve months, and faithfully appropriate the money arising from such sale towards discharging the payments agreed on by the above named commissioners for said lands, also to discharge the expense of building a new court-house and gaol and other public buildings.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the last named commissioners or a majority of them, shall have power to sell the old court-house, gaol and the public lands whereon the court-house now stands, on the same regulations as the lots above are to disposed of, and the monies arising from the sales of said public lands and buildings, shall be appropriated in the same manner as the monies arising from the sales of lots first above mentioned.

IV. *And be it further enacted, by the authority of the same*, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, for and in behalf of the said county of Nash, to execute conveyances in fee simple for all such lots or public ground as they are authorised to sell by this act.

V. *And be it further enacted*, whenever the said commissioners shall have laid off the above mentioned land into lots and erected the court-house on the public square, (that shall be left for that purpose) shall be incorporated into a town to be known by the name of Nashville.

VI. *Be it further enacted*, That until a new court-house be erected by the said commissioners, the court shall continue to be called and held at the old court-house in the county of Nash, and then it shall be adjourned from thence to the place where the commissioners appointed as aforesaid shall erect the new court-house in the town of Nashville, and ever after continue there to be held, called and adjourned from time to time.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That should the sales above mentioned not raise money sufficient to build a court-house, gaol and stocks, the county court shall have power, a majority of the acting justices being present, to lay a tax of not more than five cents on every poll, and not more than five cents on every hundred dollars worth of lands in said county, to be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes in said county, this last mentioned clause to continue in force until a sufficiency of money shall be raised for the above purposes and no longer.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That the county court of Nash shall have power to allow the commissioners aforesaid, such compensation as they may think adequate to their services, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

IX. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners first named to contract for the land where the town of Nashville is to be laid out, they shall give Mr. John Alston the preference of fixing where the court-house now stands, *Provided*, he will sell his land to them upon such terms as they shall deem to be reasonable, and provided they cannot agree, they shall have liberty to purchase where the said commissioners shall think proper.

CHAP. XXII.

An act to amend the fifth section of an act, passed in the year eighteen hundred and four, entitled "an act to open and make navigable Fishing creek from the mouth thereof to Wiatt's bridge on said creek.

WHEREAS the fifth section of the above recited act, only allows the Fishing creek navigation company ten years to make navigable the said creek; therefore,

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 said Fishing creek company are hereby allowed until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to complete the navigation of the said creek: any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAP. XXIII.

An act to facilitate the navigation of Upper Little river, in Cumberland county.

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 all persons who now have or who shall hereafter have Saw or Grist mills erected on Upper Little river, in the county aforesaid, shall make or cause to be made, at their respective mills, good and sufficient slips, which will permit the free and safe passage of all rafts which may be passing down the said river, and the said slips when erected or made, shall by the owners of the several mills on said river, be at all times kept and upheld in good and sufficient repair for the purposes aforesaid.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall fail to make such slip as herein directed, or