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TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Private corporations for any purpose whatever, excepting banking, insurance, constructing railroads, canals, turnpikes, bridges, causeways and ferries, making and selling gas for light in and for any city, town or village, supplying the inhabitants of any city, town or village with water, manufacturing are members of the same. The or distilling spirituous or intoxicating liquors, and, also excepting in each case, shall receive the sum military, fire and lottery compa- of two dollars. Corporations thus nies, may be created in this State, created, shall have succession of by complying with the following officers and members, power and provisions:

ring a charter to the Court of to have and use a common scal Common Pleas, for the District and same to alter at will, to sue where a majority of the corpora- and be sued, plead and be impleadtors reside, or in which they may ed in any Court of law or equity desire to transact business, or to a in this State, and may exercise all Judge or Chancellor at Chambers, corporate powers necessary to the setting forth the object of their as- | purpose of their organization, but sociation, the amount of its capital | shall make no contracts or purstock, if any there be, the privi- chase, or hold any property of any loges they desire to exercise, and kind, except such as is necessary the name and style by which they | in legitimately carrying into effect desire to be incorporated, (notice such purpose, or for securing debts of such application having been due to the company. first published once a week for two | A private corporation for the zette nearest to the point where mechanical, mining, or manufact prentices, for services performed. District judge shall order the draw-freehold, is hereby made a cotton not yet service and the sufficiency shall be approved by months, in one more public ga- purpose of carrying on agricultural such business is to be located.) If | turing business-except that of the application is legitimately with- manufacturing or distilling spiritu- created under this Act shall not those summoned and in attendance, For any person to put any obin the intention of this Act, and ous or intoxicating liquors-may organize and commence the trans- which number, so drawn shall con- struction upon a railroad, or to not inconsistent with public wel- be created without the stockhold- action of its business within one stitute the panel for that term, remove or disarrange any part and for his continued support of fare, the said Court, Judge or ers incurring an individual liabil- year from the date of its incorpo- and from them shall be drawn thereof, or to injure the machinery himself and family. And in case Chancellor, shall pass an order de- ity for its indebtedness by comply- ration, its corporate powers shall those who shall serve as the Jury or cars used thereon, or to mislead such person shall fail to give the for the same. ed, and the petitioners and their A declaration in writing by the For the encouragement of trade trict such Venire shall not have false statements or signals, or in Judge is hereby authorized and successors incorporated for a term applicants, specifying the object with foreign countries, and the been already issued, the District any way to interfere with any required, upon complaint and due not exceeding fourteen years, with of their association, and the par- other States of the United States, Judge shall order a special court part or appurtenance thereof, with proof thereof, to issue a warrant ill-feeling between citizens there, arising the privilege of renewal at the ex- ticular business they propose to private corporations, having such for the drawing and shall order wanton indifference to consepiration of that time, according to carry on, together with their name, trade for their object, may be the Venire in accordance with the quences, or to plunder, or to dethe provisions above set forth; and the amount of capital to be formed by any number of the citi- provisions of this Act. and the said petition and order employed by them, and the time, zens of this State, by complying Clerk of the Court for the District in which the business of the corposhall be filed in the office of the not exceeding thirty years, for with the provisions of the fore- each party in a civil action, and of clergy.

record the same in a book to be procured by him for the purpose, at the expense of the funds in the hands of Commissioners of Public Buildings for his District; and he shall also forward a certified State, to be filed in his office. The individual members of such corporations, whenever the object of the association is for the purpose of trading or transacting business for profit, shall be jointly and severally bound for the ultimate payment of all the contracts of said companies, incurred while they Clerk of the Court, for his services authority to make all by-laws not A petition by the persons desi- repugnant to the laws of the land,

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declaration and affidavit shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of District where the business is prothe President be false as to the duty of so attending. amount of capital, bona fide paid in, owned and employed by such corporation, each and every corporator shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts and contracts made at any time by said corporation. The whole amount of the indebtedness of such corporation, not counting its capital stock, shall not, at any time, exceed the capital stock actually paid in. And in case of a violation of this provision, the officers and agents by whom such excess shall be created, shall be jointly and severally liable to the extent of such excess. If the officers or directors of such corporation shall declare and pay any dividend when the company is insolvent, or any dividend, the payment of which would render it insolvent, or which would diminish the amount of its capital stock, they shall be jointly and severally liable for all the debts of the company then existing, and for all that shall be thereafter contracted while they shall respectively continue in office: Provided, That if any of the officers or directors shall object to the declaring of such dividend, or to the payment of the same, and shall at copy thereof to the Secretary of any time before the time fixed for the payment, file a certificate of the objection in writing with the Secretary of the company, and with the Clerk of the Court of Court and the penalties for non-Common Pleas for the District in which the business of the corporation is transacted, they shall be exempt from said liability. Every such corporation shall annually, within twenty days from the first day of January, make a report, setting forth the amount of its at the time of drawing of the names capital, the proportion thereof of persons who are known or beactually paid in, and the amount of its existing debts; which report shall be signed by the President, age, or in any manner disabled verified by the oath of the Presi- from discharging the duties of a burglary and arson, and to all dent or Secretary, and filed in the Juror; and names shall be rejectoffice of the Clerk of the Court for ed for the occasion and returned the District where the business of to the Box of persons who are the company shall be carried on; known to be in the panel for the and upon failure so to do, all the term of the Superior Court next officers and directors of the com- ensuing the drawing, or who have pany shall be jointly and severally served as Jurors either in the Suliable for all the debts of the com- perior or District Courts within the protection of property, shall pany then existing, and for all that shall be contracted before such re- drawing. port shall be made. The stockholders of such corporation shall ries in the District Courts for the of it, and are appurtenant to it, warrant, require him to enter, be individually liable for all debts | Term next succeeding the passing | shall be deemed parcels. that may be due and owing to all of this Act, and for which the Ve- Stealing from the field any grain a bond, payable to the State, with their laborers, servants and ap- nire has already been issued, the or cotton not yet severed from the

property, at its sworn valuation,

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ployed by such corporation. Such

If any corporation formed or ing of sixteen from the number of with benefit of clergy.

person authorized to administer ous or intoxicating liquors. oaths, of the amount of capital or

> ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ESTAB-LISH DISTRICT COURTS.'

the Court of Common Pleas for the and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assemposed to be transacted, to be by bly, and by the authority of the graph of the eleventh section, in of a farm from any person who is him recorded, and shall also be same, That so much of an Act, the words, "and in the District of in the employment of another published once a week for two entitled "An Act to amend an Act, Beaufort, where the Court shall be engaged in husbandry, without months in one or more public ga- entitled "An Act to establish Dis- held, alternately at the Court sufficient evidence of his right to zettes nearest to the point where trict Courts," ratified the twenty- House in the Town of Beaufort, sell, the purchased and seller shall such business is located, the ex- first day of September, one thou- and at Lawtonville," be repealed. each be guilty of a misdemeanor, pense of such publication to be sand eight hundred and sixty-six, X. In civil causes the defendant and, upon conviction of any such paid by the applicants. If such as requires the drawing and em- shall be entitled to an imparlance offence, shall be liable to a fine not corporation shall at any time de- panneling of Grand Juries for the to the succeeding quarterly Term exceeding five hundred dollars, sire to increase their capital stock, District Courts, be, and the same of the Court. an affidavit, like to the above, shall is hereby repealed, and all persons be made, recorded and published already drawn and summoned to tv and the District Court shall as above, and a new certificate is- attend said District Court as Grand have concurrent jurisdiction in all sued. If the affidavit taken by Jurors are hereby relieved of the cases of Equity; and the Superior

the Attorney General and Solici- Courts have jurisdiction. amination, who shall order the of Common Pleas. same to be docketed for trial, if, in his judgment, the prosecution thereof be advisable.

for the succeeding term.

IV. That there shall be kept a fees, modes of proceeding and efseparate Jury Box for the District, | feet of order and process shall be Courts, which shall be filled from as nearly as possible the same. time to time, and the drawing In the Senate House, the twenty-first day therefrom be conducted in the same manner as by law required for the Superior Courts; and in reference to the said Juries of the District Courts, the manner of summoning them, the duties and liabilities of the officers of the attendance, and in all other respects, the jury law of the State shall apply.

V. That in drawing jurors to constitute the panel of the Venire, it shall be competent for the District Judge to direct the rejection lieved to be dead, not resident in the District, over seventy years of twelve months preceding the be deemed a dwelling-house; all and family shall be made to appear

of that Term; and, if in any Dislany person employed thereon by

In which the business of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, omcer in a criminal matter, shall be held guilty of larceny; upon conviction thereof, be liable troops cannot be safely removed.—Fore the liberty of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, omcer in a criminal matter, shall be held guilty of larceny; upon conviction thereof, be liable troops cannot be safely removed.—Fore the liberty of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, omcer in a criminal matter, shall be held guilty of larceny; upon conviction thereof, be liable to challenge each, two liberty of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be pames for carrying on agricultural, of the corpo- ted; which declaration shall be p shall be the duty of the Clerk to accompanied by the affidavit of turing business, except that of jurors; and the places of these and so shall any person who shall to fine, imprisonment, corporeal new.

the supernumeraries. An insuffi- to commit a breach of trust with discretion of the Court. If the cient number of jurors in any in- a fraudulent intention. stance, shall be supplied in like | Every entry on the enclosed or shall be kept by the Clerk, and

I. Be it enacted, by the Senate Courts, of itself, operate to contindeemed a misdemeanor.

Courts of Law and the District II. That no presentment of a Court shall have concurrent juris-Grand Jury shall be necessary in diction of all cases in Law, civil any case in the said District and criminal, of which, by the Courts, but it shall be the duty of constitution, the said District benefit of clergy, for the first

tors, after inquiring into the facts | XII. That in all cases now comof each case, to prepare Bills of In- menced in the District Courts for dictment, and present the same services where the amount due is with the papers pertaining there- over one hundred dollars, the case house or penal farm (when such to to the District Judge for his ex- shall be transferred to the Court institution shall exist,) for a period

XIII. Matters of equity pending in the District Court, shall be heard by the District Judge, at a Quar-III. that the Juries in the Dis- terly Session, or at such other time trict Court, shall consist of one as with his concurrence, the parties Jury of eight Jurors at each Quar- may fix, with an appeal, as from a terly Session, and the venire there- Chancellor on Circuit. With refor shall consist of a panel of six- spect to these matters the Commisteen; and it shall be the duty of sioner in Equity for the District the District Judge, at each Quar- shall regard the Judge of the Disterly Session, to order the draw- trict Court as he does a Chancellor ing in open court of the jurors to with respect to matters in the Suconstitute the panel of the venire perior Court of Equity; and in both of these Courts, the law, practice,

of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand hight hundred and sixty-six. W. D. PORTER,

President of the Senate, CHARLES H. SIMONTON, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Approved: James L. ORR.

AN ACT TO ALTER THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL LAW."

Be it enacted, That the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Criminal Law," which was ratified on the 19th day of December, 1865, is hereby repealed in so far as it is not hereinafter re-enacted.

An assault to commit a rape is hereby declared to be a felony out-house, with a view to plunder, without benefit of clergy.

With respect to the crimes of criminal offences which are constituted or aggravated by being committed in a dwelling-house, out-house, apartment, building or box, in which there sleeps a proprictor, tenant, laborer, or person who lodges there with a view to houses, buildings, sheds and erec- to the Judge of the District Court, VI. That to constitute the Ju- tions, which are within 200 yards the said Judge shall, by written

manner as in the Superior Court. unenclosed land of another, after suit thereon may be ordered by VIII. A traverse of an indict- notice from the owner or tenant ment shall not, in the District prohibiting the same, shall be any fine imposed upon the prin-

If any person shall, directly or IX. That the concluding para- indirectly, purchase any product and to suffer imprisonment not XI. The Superior Court of Equi- exceeding twelve months, and shall be liable to a fine at least equal to twice the value of the product sold; and if that be not immediately paid, shall suffer imprisonment in the penitentiary, at | period not exceeding fifteen years. the discretion of the court.

> The punishment of felony with offence, shall, at the discretion of the court, be by one or more of the following modes, to wit: confinement in a penitentiary, worknot less than three months nor more than ten years, with such imposition of hard labor and solitary confinement as may be directed; confinement in tread-mill stocks; solitary confinement, hard labor, corporeal punishment; imprisonment not less than three months nor more than two years; fine not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand

Where no special punishment is provided for a misdemeanor, it shall, according to its nature and degree be punished, at the discretion of the court, by one or more of the modes prescribed in the section last preceding for a felony with benefit of clergy.

Upon view of a felony committed. or upon certain information that a felony has been committed, any person may arrest the felon and take him to a judge or magistrate, to be dealt with according to law.

It shall be lawful for any citizen to arrest any person in the night time, by such efficient means as the darkness and the probability of his escape render necessary, even if his life should be thereby taken, in cases where he has committed a felony, or has entered a dwelling-house with evil intent, or has broken or is breaking into an or has in his possession stolen property, or being under circumstances which raise just suspicion of his design to steal or commit some felony, flees when he is

Whensover hereafter any person shall migrate into this State, and so to reside, if his bad character or his inability to support himself within twenty days thereafter, in two freeholders as sureties, whose ty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for his good behavior, the State within ten days thereafter. And if any such person so to relinquish their claims to refugee ow-VII. That in the District Court, shall be a felony without benefit ordered to leave the State shall ners. The courts, in some counties, have not do so within the time pre-but issued writs of ejection against per-

the President, taken before some manufacturing or distilling spiritu- challenged, shall be supplied from hire or counsel any other person punishment and hard labor, at the bond aforesaid should be given, it the District Judge. In such suit, cipal obligor and not paid by him, and any sums expended for the support of himself or his family, under public authority, shall be assessed as damages, to be collected under the judgment for the penalty of the bond, which shall be recovered upon proof of any breach of the condition. If any person, who shall have been convicted of any infamous offence in any other State or country, shall come or be brought into this State, such person, on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to transportation beyond the limits of this State for life, or to hard labor, with occasional solitary confinement, for any

> Any simple larceny of any article of goods, choses in action, bank bills, bills receivable, chattels, or any articles of personality, of which now by law larceny may be committed; of all domesticated animals and animals ferce natura, which have, in any degree, been subjected to the control of an owner; of all growing crops, or parts thereof; of all annual products of the soil, and of all such fixtures and parts of the soil as were severed from the soil by an unlawful act, below the value of twenty dollars, shall be a misdemeanor, and be considered a petit larceny.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITIOUS MODE OF EJECTING TRESPASSERS.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That if any person shall have gone into or shall hereafter go iuto possession of any lands or tenements of another, without his consent, or without warrant of law, it shall be lawful for the owner of the land so trespassed upon to apply to any Magistrate to serve a notice on such trespasser to quit the premises, and if after the expiration of five days, from personal service of such notice, such trespasser refuses or neglects to quit, it shall then be the duty of such Magistrate to issue his warrant to any Sheriff or Constable, requiring him forthwith to eject such trespasser, using such force as may be necessary: provided, however, that if the person in possession, before the expiration of the said five days, appears before such Magistrate and satisfies him that he has a color of claim to the possession of such premises and enters into bond to the person claiming the land with good and sufficient security to be approved by the Magistrate, conditioned for the payment of all such costs and expenses as the person claiming reside here, or exhibit an intention | to be the owner of the land may incur in the successful establishment of hie claim by any of the modes of proceeding now provided by law, the said Magistrate shall not issue his warrant as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That the Magistrate shall be entitled to demand and receive from the person applying for such warrant, a fee of five dollars before issuing the same, and the Sheriff or Constable shall, in like manner, be entitled to demand and receive a fee of five dollars and mileage, before executing such warrant, from the person applying

Ratified December 15.

ILL-FEELING IN FLORIDA .-- Official accounts from Florida indicate considerable at Confederate confiscation sales, refuse