

have the privilege of cutting a ditch over the several tracts of land in the line of said survey and keeping the same in repair, with the privilege of cutting such timbers as may be necessary to secure the lower margin of the ditch and the right of way, &c., the said ditch not to exceed six feet in width and two and a half feet in depth, and the privilege herein granted shall continue twenty years: *And it is further provided*, That the corporation hereby created may purchase and hold real and personal estate, may sell, mortgage, lease or convey any property acquired by them, and the capitol stock of said company shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And it is further enacted*, That said corporation ^{Shares.} may divide their stock into shares of not less than one hundred dollars, issue certificates therefor, elect a president, directors and all other necessary officers, and make and adopt rules, regulations and by-laws for the government of said company, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the restrictions contained in chapter twenty-sixth of the revised code, entitled "Corporation."

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 24th day of February, A. D. 1870.

CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RESCUE STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NUMBER ONE, CITY OF RALEIGH.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do* ^{Corporators.} *enact*, That J. C. Brewster, W. C. Stronach, John C. Gorman, Douglas Bell, Samuel Merrill, A. Moses, William Price, Thomas G. Jenkins, and C. D. Heartt and other persons who shall be associated with them for the object

intended and those successors duly elected and chosen according to the by-laws of the company, shall constitute a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company number one, of the city of Raleigh, the purpose of more united and efficient action in the extinguishment of fires in the city of Raleigh, and by said name and style shall have power to acquire a steam fire engine or engines and other necessary apparatus as may be necessary and such real estate as may be needful for their proper care and custody, the value of which shall at no time exceed the sum of fifteen (15) thousand dollars.

Privileges.

SEC. 2. That said company shall by the name and style aforesaid have succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a common seal and alter the same at pleasure and make all by-laws and rules necessary for the proper government of the company and the management of its funds and property not inconsistent with the laws of the state and in all matters to do and perform what is customary and proper for fulfilling the objects of the association.

Exemptions, &c.

SEC. 3. That members in the actual service of the company performing duties when required, shall be exempted during the continuance of said service from jury and militia duty, and after the faithful performance of the required duties in the company for the term of seven years, a certificate thereof from the secretary of the company, approved by the foreman and under the seal of the company, shall exempt for life the holder from jury and militia duty.

SEC. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 24th day of February, A. D. 1870.