

# ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF TENNESSEE,

PASSED AT THE

### FIRST SESSION

OF THE

## THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

FOR THE YEARS

# 1855-6.

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## CHAPTER 31.

AN ACT to amend the act of 1854, chapter 127, establishing a Chancery Court at Newport, in the County of Cocke.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee*, That from and after the passage of this act, the Chancery Court at Newport, in the County of Cocke, shall be held upon the first Mondays of March and September; and that all process returnable to, and reports of the Master to be submitted at, the December term of said Court, 1855, shall be returnable to, and be submitted at, the terms of said Court to be held on the first Monday of March, 1856; and that this act shall take effect from and after the passage thereof.

NEILL S. BROWN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

EDWARD S. CHEATHAM,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Passed November 9, 1855.

## CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT to amend, and reduce into one, the acts relating to the charter of the town of Clarksville.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee*, That all the section of country comprised within the following limits, to wit: Beginning on the line of the south boundary of said town, as heretofore established, at the Cumberland River, running east with Roberts' line to the corner of Roberts' addition to said town; and from thence to Elder's Spring, so as to include the same; thence north-eastwardly to a point in the Nashville road, so as to include the brick building of John Bullard, east of and adjoining the present residence of E. R. W. Thomas; thence north to a point in the old Russellville road, where the turnpike leaves the same; thence to the lower Red River bridge; thence to the middle of the said river; thence down said stream to the middle of Cumberland River; thence up the middle of Cumberland River, to a point opposite the beginning point; thence straight to the beginning; and the inhabitants thereof are hereby incorporated and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the City of Clarksville, and shall have perpetual

succession; and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, sell, purchase and hold property, real, personal, and mixed; and may have and use a corporate seal, changeable at the pleasure of the City Council: *Provided*, that the line of the corporation running from the Russellville turnpike to the mouth of Red River, shall be so run as to exclude the place purchased by A. Robb from Bailey and Wisdom. Common Seal.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That the corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority by ordinance, within the limits aforesaid:—

1st. To levy and collect taxes upon all property in said limits, taxable by law for State purposes; and upon all privileges and polls in said limits, taxable by the laws of the State. Levy tax.

2d. To appropriate money and provide for the payment of the debts and expenses of the city; and to borrow money, so as not to exceed twenty thousand dollars of borrowed money at any one time. Appropriate money.

3d. To make regulations to prevent the introduction or spread of contagious or infectious diseases into the city: to make quarantine laws for that purpose, and to enforce the same to the distance of two miles from the city; and to establish, build and regulate hospitals. Disinfection.  
Hospital.

4th. To establish and support a system of free schools, and regulate the same, so as to secure the most efficient management, and to prevent sectarian or denominational influence. Schools.

5th. To make and enforce regulations to secure the general health of the citizens; and to prevent and remove nuisances. Nuisances.

6th. To provide the city with water, by water-works within or beyond the boundaries of the city. Water.

7th. To open, alter, abolish, widen, extend, grade, establish, pave, define boundaries, close, and cleanse, keep in repair, and improve streets, alleys, and side-walks, or have the same done. Streets.

8th. To erect, establish, keep in repair, open, close or remove bridges, culverts, sewers, gutters, hydrants and cisterns on the squares, streets and alleys.

9th. To provide for lighting the streets and alleys. Lights.

10th. To establish, support, and regulate a day police or a night watch and police, or both. Police.

11th. To erect market houses, establish markets, and regulate, change or abolish the same. Market.

12th. To provide for enclosing, improving and regulating the public grounds belonging to the city, in or out of the corporate limits. Public grounds.

13th. To improve and preserve the navigation of the

- Navigation.** Cumberland River within the city, the limits of which shall extend to the middle of said river.
- Wharves.** 14th. To erect, repair and regulate public wharves, docks, and landings, and to fix the rate of wharfage thereat; not extending, however, to any now owned by private persons, unless by purchase or gift the city becomes the owner.
- 15th. To regulate the stationary anchorage and mooring of vessels, watercraft and rafts at other places than wharves within the city.
- Licenses.** 16th. To tax, license, and regulate auctioneers, auction houses, grocers, merchants, retailers, taverns, brokers, coffee houses, confectionaries, hawkers, peddlers, livery stables, livery stable keepers, negro traders, bankers, banks, bank agencies, provision dealers, jewelers, dealers in stationery, insurance companies, insurance agencies, hackney coaches or carriages, carts, wagons, drays, and all other vehicles for hire, and fix and enforce and regulate the rates to be charged for the carriage of persons and of property within the city, and to the public works or property of the city out of the limits of the city.
- Porters.** 17th. To license, tax and regulate porters, and fix and enforce the rates of portorage within the city, and to the property of the city, out of the city limits.
- Shows.** 18th. To license, tax and regulate theatrical, animal, circus, and all other exhibitions, sleights of hands, shows, and amusements, save paintings and sculpture.
- 19th. To regulate, fine, and suppress all disorderly houses, assignation or bawdy houses, and gambling houses.
- Fire Companies, &c.** 20th. To provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; to organize, establish and equip fire companies, hose companies, and hook and ladder companies; to regulate, restrain or prohibit the erection of wooden or combustible buildings in any part of the city; to regulate and to prevent the carrying on of manufactories dangerous in causing or producing fires; to regulate the storage of gun powder, tar, pitch, rosin, saltpetre, gun cotton, and all other combustible or explosive material; and the use of lights, candles, and stove pipes in all stables, shops, and all other places in the city; the cleansing, burning and sweeping of chimneys or stove-pipes in the city; and to fine, regulate and prevent the discharging, firing or shooting of guns, pistols, fire-crackers, and all species of fire-works in the city.
- Weights and Measures.** 21st. To establish standard weights and measures, and regulate the weights and measures used in the city, in all cases not provided for by law; and to enforce the use of