

CHAP. 29S.

An act to encourage the building of iron works in this state.

WHEREAS it appears to the general assembly, that several places in this state are advantageously situated for the building of iron works; and in order to encourage any person or persons who will undertake and erect the same:

Lands granted to proprietors of iron-works.

1. *Be it enacted, &c.* That three thousand acres of vacant land, not fit for cultivation, most convenient to the different seats, is hereby granted for every set of iron works, as a bounty from this state, to any person or persons who will build and carry on the same; to be under the following rules and regulations, *viz.* Where any person or persons intend to build iron works, such person or persons may proceed to the entry-taker of the county where he intends to erect such works, and enter in one or more tracts the quantity of bounty land allowed by this act for one set of works; and the entry-taker or entry-takers is and are hereby required to make out a copy of the land entered as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the next court that shall be held in the county in which he or they are entry-takers.

Jury to view the land.

Proceedings on their return.

2. *And be it further enacted,* That the court of any county in this state, upon receiving the return of the entry-taker for the land as aforesaid, such court shall proceed to appoint a jury, consisting of twelve persons, who are of good character; and the jury so appointed shall proceed to view the land in their county entered as aforesaid, and if they shall adjudge the land so entered not fit for cultivation, they shall certify the same in writing, and return the certificate to the next court held in their county, and the court upon receiving such return, shall cause the certificate to be recorded by the clerk.

Conditions to entitle the proprietors to the land granted.

3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons who may enter land agreeably to this act, shall erect iron works within the term of three years from the time of the jury's return, such person or persons, on making it appear to the court of the county that he or they have made at said works five thousand weight of iron, shall receive an order to the entry-taker, requiring him to issue the warrants for the bounty land.

Manner in which the grants are to be obtained.

4. *And be it further enacted,* That such entry-taker upon receiving such order, shall proceed to issue warrants for the lands granted by this act, without receiving any

money for the state ; and the surveyor upon receiving such warrants shall proceed to survey the same as soon as convenient, and make return to the secretary's office, that grants may issue for the same ; and such grant or grants shall be as good and valid to the proprietors of such works, their heir, heirs or assigns, as if the purchase money had been paid: *Provided nevertheless*, That if any person or persons shall enter land in pursuance of this act, and fail to erect iron works according to the true intent and meaning thereof, the land so entered shall revert to the state, unless the person who has entered the same pays the purchase money for the use of the state.

Proviso, the
land to revert

3. *And be it further enacted*, That the bounty lands granted by this act shall be exempted from taxation for the term of ten years.

Lands exempt
from taxation
for 10 years.

CHAP. 294.

An act for dividing the county of Rowan.

WHEREAS the extent of the county of Rowan renders it inconvenient and troublesome to many of the inhabitants thereof to attend the courts, annual elections, juries and other public meetings therein :

1. *Be it enacted, &c.* That from and after the passing of this act, the said county of Rowan shall be divided by a line beginning where Coddle creek enters Mecklenberg, and running up the east fork of the said creek to the road leading from Beatie's ford to Salisbury, from thence a strait course to Alexander M'Korkle's, senior, from thence to the south fork of the Yadkin river, at the mouth of a branch in Margaret Dobbins's meadow, and from thence due north to the Surry line ; that all that part of the said county of Rowan lying westwardly of the said dividing line, shall thenceforth be erected into a new and distinct county, by the name of Iredell.

Division line.

Iredell county
erected.

2. *And be it further enacted*, That after the passing of this act, the said county of Iredell shall be, continue and remain part of the district of the superior court of law and the court of equity usually held for the district of Salisbury ; and the county treasurer of the said county of Iredell, shall from time to time account for and pay to the treasurer of this state for the time being, all public levies by him collected, or wherewith he shall be chargeable, in the same manner, and under the like pains and penalties, as other county treasurers.

Included in
Salisbury dis-
trict.
(Obsolete.)