

special action on the case founded upon this act, in any court having cognizance thereof.

Persons sued for any thing done under this act may give special matter in evidence.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall be sued or prosecuted for any matter, act or thing done under or by virtue of this act, he or they may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence.

APPROVED, May 31, 1790.

STATUTE II.

June 4, 1790.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act for giving effect to an Act entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States," within the State of North Carolina.*

Act of April 13, 1792 ch. 21. Judicial act declared in force as to N. Carolina. 1790, ch. 1. District court, its sessions, and

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act intituled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," shall have the like force and effect within the State of North Carolina, as elsewhere within the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said state shall be one district, to be called North Carolina district; and there shall be a district court therein to consist of one judge, who shall reside in the district, and be called a district judge, and shall hold annually four sessions; the first to commence on the first Monday in July next, and the other three sessions progressively on the like Monday of every third calendar month afterwards. The stated district court shall be held at the town of Newbern.

where held.

Annexed to southern circuit.

Circuit courts, their sessions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said district shall be, and the same is hereby annexed to the southern circuit. And there shall be held annually in the said district two circuit courts; the first session of the circuit court shall commence on the eighteenth day of June next, the second session on the eighth day of November next, and the subsequent sessions on the like days of every June and November afterwards, except when any of the days shall happen on a Sunday, and then the session shall commence on the next day following. And the sessions of the said circuit courts shall be held at Newbern.

Where held.

Salary of the judge.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed to the judge of the said district, the yearly compensation of fifteen hundred dollars, to commence from his appointment, and to be paid at the treasury of the United States in quarterly payments.

APPROVED, June 4, 1790.

STATUTE II.

June 4, 1790.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act supplemental to the Act for establishing the Salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their assistants and Clerks.*

Act of Sep. 11, 1789, ch. 13. Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 23. Secretary of State to appoint an additional clerk; with what salary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the more effectually to do and perform the duties in the Department of State, the Secretary of the said department be, and is hereby authorized to appoint an additional clerk in his office, who shall be allowed an equal salary, to be paid in the same manner as is allowed by law to the chief clerk.

APPROVED, June 4, 1790.

STATUTE II.

June 14, 1790.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act for giving effect to the several Acts therein mentioned, in respect to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.*

[Obsolete.] Acts of import and tonnage, declared in force as to

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the several and respective duties specified, and laid in and by the act, intituled "An act for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandises im-