

By request, we publish the acts of the Legislature for the incorporation and government of Athens. It is always right that the people should be well informed under what authority they are taxed, and for what purpose they pay away their money. Our citizens may receive some information on this subject, by perusing the subjoined statutes.

**An act for the better regulation and government of the Town of Athens, in the county of Clark.**

**Sect. 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.* That Thomas P. Carnes, John Brown, Augustin S. Clayton, Samuel Brown and Francis Farrer be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners of said town; and they, and their successors in office, are hereby vested with full power and authority to pass all bye-laws and regulations, which may be necessary for the improvement and keeping in good repair all the streets of the said town, and the public roads leading from the same in every direction, and to the extent of one mile from the college chapel, and no further; and to have kept in repair the public spring, and to pass any other bye-laws, for the better government of said town, as may not be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the constitution and laws of this state: *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to extend the powers of said commissioners to the north-east side of the Oconee River.

**Sect. 2.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners, and their successors in office, shall be, and they are hereby authorized to impose any tax upon the citizens resident within the bounds aforesaid, for public purposes, which shall not exceed one dollar on each poll within the term of any one year.

**Sect. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioners, and their successors in office, may impose any fines or penalties not incompatible with the constitution or laws of this state: *Provided*, that no penalty thereby imposed shall extend to corporal punishment, (except to people of colour,) whose punishment for any one violation of the bye-laws of the corporation shall not exceed thirty-nine lashes.

**Sect. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That the said commissioners be, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to appoint, at their first meeting, which shall be in the college chapel, within forty days after the passing of this act, a town constable and clerk, if they deem such officers, or either or both of them necessary; the former of whom shall faithfully execute the laws and regulations of the said commissioners, and their successors in office, and the latter faithfully record their proceedings.

**Sect. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners herein appointed shall continue in office until the first Saturday in January, eighteen hundred and seventeen; on which day, and on every first Saturday in January thereafter, all the free male white citizens of said town, or residing within the bounds aforesaid, who have given in their taxable property, and who are entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly, shall assemble at the said college chapel in Athens, and between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon, and four in the afternoon of that day, and elect by ballot other commissioners, who shall continue in office one year; two justices of the peace of the said county of Clark shall preside at and certify the state of the polls to the persons elected; which certificate shall authorize them to exercise the functions of their offices during the ensuing year: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the election of the commissioners herein before named; and any person or persons who may hereafter be elected commissioners of said town, shall be eligible at the next or any subsequent election, after the expiration of the time for which he or they may have been elected as commissioners under this act.

**Sect. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That all laws militating against this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

BENJAMIN WHITAKER,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM RABUN,  
President of the Senate.

Assented to, 8th December, 1815.

D. B. MITCHELL, Governor.

**An act to amend an act entitled, an act for the better regulation and government of the Town of Athens, in the County of Clark.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for all the free white male citizens of said town, or residing within the corporate bounds thereof, as pointed out by an act of the General Assembly for the better regulation and government of the town of Athens, in the county of Clark, passed the 8th day of December, 1815, who have given in their taxable property, and who are entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly, to assemble at the College Chapel in Athens, and between the hours of ten in the forenoon and three in the afternoon of the first Saturday in January next, and the first Saturday in every January thereafter, elect by ballot seven Commissioners for the government of said town, who shall be vested with all the power and authority conveyed to the commissioners of said town by the above mentioned act passed the 8th day of December, 1815, and who shall continue in office one year. Two justices of the peace of the said county of Clark, shall preside at and certify the state of the polls to the persons elected, which certificate shall authorize them to exercise the functions of their office during the ensuing year: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the commissioners so elected from being eligible at the next or any subsequent election after the expiration of the time for which he or they may have been elected as commissioners under this act.

**Sect. 2.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That should the citizens of said town, from any cause whatever, fail to convene and elect commissioners as authorized by the preceding section, it shall and may be lawful for any two freeholders, citizens of said town, to advertise an election for one week at any time thereafter; and any election held in consequence of such advertisement, shall be held and deemed as legal and as valid as though the same had been held agreeable to the provisions of the first section of this act.

**Sect. 3.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners under this act, and their successors in office, shall be and they are hereby authorized to impose any tax upon the citizens resident within the bounds aforesaid, for public purposes: *Provided*, the same shall not exceed one dollar on each poll, one fourth per centum on the general tax paid by each inhabitant, and one hundred per centum on all licenses to retailers of spirituous liquors.

**Sect. 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all laws or parts of laws militating against this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

AILEN DANIEL,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MATTHEW TALBOT,  
President of the Senate.

Assented to December 2, 1822.

JOHN CLARK, Governor.