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Ordinance from the Senate and House of Representative of South Carolina, March 22, 1786

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An Ordinance to appoint Commissioners to ascertain & settle the boundaries of this State with the States of North Carolina & Georgia, and to authorize his Excellency the Governor to appoint Agents to act in behalf of this State at the federal Court, in the controversy between this State & the State of Georgia relative to boundary.

Be it ordained by the Honourable the Senate & House of Representatives, now met & sitting in General Assembly, & by the authority of the same, That three Commissioners be chosen by joint ballot of the Legislature, which, Commrs., or a majority of them when chosen, shall be they are hereby invested with full & absolute power & authority in behalf of this State, to settle & compromise all complaints or differences, controversies, disputes & claims which subsist between this State & the State of Georgia relative to boundary, & to establish & permanently fix a boundary between the two States; & this State shall at all times hereafter, obey & conform all that whatsoever the Commissioners or a majority of them shall do in or touching the premises of the same shall be for ever binding upon the State; Provided always, That the Commissioners to be appointed by the State of Georgia, shall have as extensive powers vested in them by the State of Georgia as are above vested in the Commrs. of this State. And as it may so happen that the Commrs. may not be able to settle & compromise the above complaints, but it may be necessary to have the same decided by a federal Court, Be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, That his Excellency the Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, & he is hereby empowered to appoint proper persons to prosecute the claim & to manage the affairs of this State in the federal Court, with full power to authority to do, transmit, perform & execute, all & every such matter & things touching the same, as shall be requisite & necessary; & this State shall at all times hereafter, readily & conform what shall be done, transmitted, performed, or executed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three Commrs. shall be chosen by joint ballot of the Legislature; which Commrs., or a majority of them when chosen, shall be they are hereby invested with full & absolute power & authority in behalf of this State, to settle & compromise all claims &
The difference between the United States and the state of North Carolina relative to the boundary, & to establish a permanent boundary, for a boundary between the two last mentioned States, it is ordered by the Senate of the United States, that the State of North Carolina shall set out all the lines therefor, for the time being, to be ascertained; and when the same shall be finally determined upon the State, Provided always, That the Senate shall be appointed by the Senate of the United States, shall have an exclusive power thereof in their judgement, as are hereby vested in the Governor of the State.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the Senate, the Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, Shall be & he is hereby empowered to draw upon the Treasury for any sum or sums, not exceeding the thousand dollars, for the reasonable expenses of the Senate for the carrying this ordinance into full operation.

In the Senate House, this twenty-second day of March, Anne Domini 1786, in the tenth of American Independence.

John Lloyd
President of the Senate.

John F. Grimes
Speaker of the House of Represenation.

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Secretary.