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ed to keep the peace for the county "required to agree and appoint a proper and convenient place whereon to erect the said buildings, within three months, and cause the same to be erected and built within twelve months after the passage of this act." (S. R. Vol. 23, p. 803.)

At the same session of the general assembly the following act was passed:

"Whereas, the boundary between the county of Rowan and the counties of Mecklenburg and Tryon hath not as yet been ascertained, by reason whereof the inhabitants within the disputed bounds of the said counties refuse to give in a list of taxables, or pay their taxes in any of the said counties;

Be it enacted. That Thomas Neal, Thomas Polk, Matthew Locke, Griffith Rutherford and Peter Johnson be appointed commissioners to run dividing lines between said counties."

The act further provided for the levying of a poll tax to pay the expense of the survey. (S. R. Vol. 23, pp 841-42.)

Justices of the peace for 1770 included Francis Adams, Robert Blackburn, George Blanton, Thomas Neal, William Moore, John Retzhough, William Watson, John Gordon, John Robertson, James McEntire, Henry Clark, David Anderson, John Walker, Henry Hollman, Timothy Riggs, James McElwean. The January court minutes mentions William Moore as coroner. "John Tagert came into court and produced a commission of sheriff of this county from under the hand and seal of His Excellency". Francis Neal presented his commission appointing him colonel of the Tryon Regiment (of militia) "and took the oath of State." The following presented commissions as captains in the Tryon Regiment of Foot Soldiers: Charles McLean, Zacharia

of Tryon aforesaid, etc., was read in open court...impowering the said justices to administer all oaths appointed by the Act of Parliament for the qualifications of all public officers and also such other oaths as are appointed by act of the Assembly for the qualifications of all officers according to their several commissions." (Court minutes). At this first session Ezekiel Polk produced his commission as clerk of the court. Alexander Martin was appointed King's attorney, and John Tagert produced his commission as sheriff. Waightstill Avery, John Quinn, Samuel Spencer and James Forsyth took the necessary oaths as attorneys to practice in the county court.

At the October, 1769, term of court the county expenses for 1769 were computed to be £71-16-10. The sheriff reported that there were 1226 taxable polls in the county, and from this the justices levied a tax of three shillings two pence Proclamation money on each taxable person.

William Moore and Thomas Neil (Neale) were elected to represent Tryon county in the house of commons in 1769, and they continued as the county's representatives in 1770 and 1771. No legislative sessions were held in 1772.

Year 1770.

In 1770 the general assembly passed an act appointing a new set of commissioners to build a court house. The commissioners named in the act which created the county "neglected to comply with the directions of the said act," therefore Thomas Neil (Neale), William Moore, Robert Adams, Ephriam McLain and John Beard were appointed, and invested with the same powers as the original commissioners, and were

Bullock, Thos. Bealy (Beaty?), Eph- The pay roll of one of Tryon coun-
 riam McLean. (January, 1770 Court ty's militia companies, in service
 Minutes).

Commissions of the captains in the 1771, follows:
 Tryon County Militia were present- "The Publick of North Carolina
 ed at the April term of court by the to John Nuckols, for going against
 following: Andrew Hampton, Abra- the Cherokee Indians in Obedience
 ham Kuykendoll. Henry Clark and to an express from the commanding
 Joseph Green. The following were officer of Tryon County, Feby. 9th.
 commissioned as lieutenants: Patrick 1771" (Here follows a list of officers
 McDavid, Daniel Shipman. At the and men, together with the number
 same time Perrygreen Magness and of days served and amounts due
 John Branson presented commissions each. The muster roll only is given.
 as ensigns in the Tryon militia and "John Nuckols, Capt.; Wm. March-
 Robert Blackburn was appointed cap- banks, Lieut.; Patrick Moore, Ensign,
 tain "in a regiment of foot soldiers Adam Burchfield, Sgt.; Phil Coleman,
 commanded by Thomas Neal." (April Sgt.; Thos. Cole, Corporal: Hugh Moore
 1770, Court Minutes). David Allen, Willis Hix, William Hix.

In October, the sheriff returned a Reuben Favors, Robt. Lawson, John
 list of adults subject to taxation, Bukrum, Matthew Roberson, John
 which showed that there were 1274 Gordilock, Nathl Simson, Thos. Bar-
 taxables in the county. A tax of three ton, John Gibbs, Zack Gibbs, Thos.
 shillings, two pence on each taxable Elder, John Kelso, Field Farrah.
 was levied. Hugh Means, George Story, Robert
 Faris, Saml Clowny, William Cole-
 man, Martin Hammons."

Year 1771.

Justices of the peace as shown in Also three names illegible.
 the court records for 1771 included "The above named persons was
 John Robertson, John Walker, Tim- by orders to Capt. Nuckols in the
 othy Riggs, Jonas Bedford. Jacob Country's service against the Chero-
 Costner, Henry Clark, William Wax- kee Indians the above Number of
 son, Francis Adams, Henry Hollman, Days in Consequence of an alarm
 John Retzhough, William Moore, from the Indian Traders and the front
 George Blanton, James McElwean, ier Inhabitants of Tryon County.
 John Thomas, Robert Blackburn, Da- "Given under my hand this 26th
 vid Anderson, James McEntire. Fran- of November, 1771."
 cis Quinn presented his commission
 as a lieutenant in the Tryon militia
 at the January term. (January, 1771, Court Minutes.)

The Indians continued to give "THOS. NEEL."
 trouble with their periodic raids and "The above amount against the
 foraging parties. This necessitated public of North Carolina was prov-
 a large organization of county mili- ed before me this 28th Nov. 1771."
 tia. These militia companies were "JAMES DAVIS."
 frequently called into service for a (C. R. Vol. 8 pp 517-18.)
 period of a few days to several Francis Adams was recommende
 weeks, to drive off wandering bands to the Legislature in April, 1771, as
 of Indians, or arrest or disperse was commissioned as such, succeed-
 parties annoying outlying settlements. ing John Tagert. Thomas Neel was
 appointed Public Register at the Oc-
 tober, 1771, term of court, and his