

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ORDINANCE TO ABROGATE AND ANNUL SECTIONS FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, OF ARTICLE FOUR, OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The people of North Carolina in Convention assembled do ordain, That sections fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, of article four, of the Constitution be abrogated and annulled, and the following substituted therefor :

SECTION —. The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the Judicial Department of any power or jurisdiction which rightfully pertains to it, as a co-ordinate department of the government; but the General Assembly shall allot and distribute that portion of this power and jurisdiction, which does not pertain to the Supreme Court, among the other courts prescribed in this Constitution, or which may be established by law, in such manner as it may deem best; provide also a proper system of appeals, and regulate by law, when necessary, the methods of proceeding in the exercise of their powers, of all the Courts below the Supreme Court, so far as the same may be done without conflict with other provisions of this Constitution.

Powers of General Assembly and Courts inferior to Supreme Court.

Read three times and ratified in open Convention, this 6th day of October, 1875.

E. RANSOM,
President of Convention.

JOHNSTONE JONES, Secretary.

W. M. HARDY, Assistant Secretary.