

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1063
HOUSE BILL 978

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE
CATHERINE ANN DEVEREUX EDMONDSTON DIARY.

Whereas, throughout the period of the War between the States a detailed diary was kept by Catherine Ann Devereux Edmondston of Halifax County in which she detailed events on the home front, commented on progress of the war, and revealed the thinking of plantation owners and other citizens of eastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, this diary is a unique manuscript containing information of value to researchers and to all citizens interested in the War between the States era; and

Whereas, on May 1, 1921, the diary was placed on loan with the North Carolina Historical Commission; and

Whereas, the State Department of Archives and History, successor agency to the North Carolina Historical Commission, subsequently obtained all rights, including rights of publication, to the diary by virtue of a bill of sale from Margaret McKay Jones of Alamance County to the said department, dated July 1, 1959; and

Whereas, the diary remains the property of the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources; and

Whereas, the diary has been edited for publication but has not yet been published because of the limited budget available for historical publications; and

Whereas, publication of the Catherine Ann Devereux Edmondston Diary would be a significant contribution to scholarship in North Carolina and elsewhere in the nation; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, Historical Publications Section, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the year 1977-1978, over and above all other appropriations for the said section, to aid in typesetting of the Catherine Ann Devereux Edmondston Diary.

Sec. 2. The published diary shall be sold and distributed as any other publication issued through the Historical Publications Section of the Department of Cultural Resources as provided in G.S. 121-6.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.