

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1233
SENATE BILL 982

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EXPEDITIOUS PUBLICATION OF THE
COLONIAL RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA (SECOND SERIES).

Whereas, North Carolina is the oldest English-speaking colony in North America;
and

Whereas, this State was founded upon the laws, customs, and principles of England;
and

Whereas, prior to 1776, London, England, stood in a similar relationship to the
government of North Carolina as Washington, D.C., does today; and

Whereas, the collection and publication of the records relating to the history of the
North Carolina colony are essential to an understanding of the development of this State; and

Whereas, the great Revolutionary leaders of North Carolina such as Cornelius
Harnett, James Iredell, Samuel Johnston, Richard Caswell, William Hooper, and others were
thoroughly grounded in the principles of the English common law; and

Whereas, this State has been systematically gathering its colonial records since 1961
and publishing them in a widely acclaimed series since 1963; and

Whereas, the Colonial Records Branch of the Division of Archives and History,
Department of Cultural Resources, was awarded the highest national Award of Merit of the
American Association for State and Local History for its excellence as an archival and
publications project; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, for fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of
eleven thousand six hundred eighty-six dollars (\$11,686) to provide for the more expeditious
publication of the Colonial Records of North Carolina (Second Series).

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1978.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of June,
1978.