

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 975
HOUSE BILL 768

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HISTORIC EDETTON, INC.

Whereas, with funds raised from private sources and supplemented by appropriations of the General Assembly to Historic Edenton, Inc., the Barker House located in the Town of Edenton, Chowan County, the original home of Thomas Barker, who served as North Carolina's London agent from 1764 to 1778, and his wife, Penelope, who according to tradition presided over the signing of the 1774 resolution which supported the General Assembly's stand against British taxation, popularly referred to as the "Edenton Tea Party", has been restored and remodeled for use as a visitors' center and museum; and

Whereas, with funds raised from private sources and supplemented by previous appropriations of the General Assembly, to Historic Edenton, Inc., the Cupola House, also located in Edenton, Chowan County, a national historic landmark, and the oldest serving structure in the Town of Edenton, has also been restored, and is presently serving as a museum; and

Whereas, both of the aforesaid structures have been open to the visiting public for several years, with over 54,504 people having visited from April 1, 1971, to the present, including several thousand school children; and

Whereas, additional funds are needed for restoration to the roofs of both the Barker House and the Cupola House, for restorative painting of both the Barker House and the Cupola House, and for the construction of outbuildings at the Cupola House; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Cultural Resources, Archives and History Division, to be expended through Historic Edenton, Inc., for and in connection with the Barker House and the Cupola House, for the fiscal year 1977-1978, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and for the fiscal year 1978-1979, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to restore the roofs of and paint said houses, and for the construction of outbuildings to the Cupola House.

Sec. 2. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

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.