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DEADLY WEAPONS.

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AN ACT to guard and protect the citizens of this State, against the unwarrantable and too prevalent use of deadly weapons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any merchant, or vender of wares or merchandize in this State, or any other person or persons whatsoever, to sell, or offer to sell, or to keep, or have about their person or elsewhere, any of the hereinafter described weapons, to wit: Bowie, or any other kind of knives, manufactured and sold for the purpose of wearing, or carrying the same as arms of offence or defence, pistols, dirks, sword canes, spears, &c., shall also be contemplated in this act, save such pistols as are known and used, as horse-man's pistols, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person or persons within the limits of this State, violating the provisions of this act, except as hereafter excepted, shall, for each and every such offence, be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction thereof, shall be fined, in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for the first offence, nor less than one hundred dollars at the direction of the Court; and upon a second conviction, and every after conviction of a like offence, in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars, nor less than five hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of all civil officers, to be vigilant in carrying the provisions of this act into full effect, as well also as Grand Jurors, to make presentments of each and every offence under this act, which shall come under their knowledge.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all fines and forfeitures arising under this act, shall be paid into the county Treasury, to be appropriated to county purposes: *Provided, nevertheless,* that the provisions of this act shall not extend to Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Marshals, Constables, Overseers or Patrols, in actual discharge of their respective duties, but not otherwise: *Provided, also,* that no person or persons, shall be found guilty of violating the before recited act, who shall openly wear, externally, Bowie Knives, Dirks, Tooth Picks, Spears, and which shall be exposed plainly to view: *And provided, nevertheless,* that the provisions of this act shall not extend to prevent venders, or any oth-

er persons who now own and have for sale, any of the aforesaid weapons, before the first day of March next.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all laws and parts of laws militating against this act, be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

JOSEPH DAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,

ROBERT M. ECHOLS,
President of the Senate.

Assented to, 25th December, 1837.

GEORGE R. GILMER, Governor.

DEEDS.

5868
270-273

AN ACT to admit certain Deeds to be recorded and read in evidence; and also, to prescribe the effect of certain other Deeds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passing of this act, all Deeds for lands which may have been recorded upon the usual proof of execution, but not recorded within the time prescribed by the laws of this State, shall be admitted in evidence, without further proof; and when the originals are lost or destroyed, and that being made judicially known to the Court, copies of the same may be introduced and read in evidence, on any trial before any Court of law or equity, in this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Deeds executed, according to the laws of this State, but not yet recorded, may nevertheless be recorded within twelve months from the passage of this act, upon the usual proof of their execution; and when so recorded, the same or copies thereof, when the originals are shown to be lost or destroyed, may be read in evidence without further proof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all Deeds conveying lands hereafter executed upon being attested or proved in the manner required by the laws of this State, shall be admitted to record, at any time, and after being recorded, shall be received in evidence in any Court of Law or Equity, without further proof of the execution thereof.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where two or more Deeds shall hereafter be executed by the same person or persons, conveying the same