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CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT to amend the Criminal Laws of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That when any person shall be indicted in the Circuit Courts, or any other court having criminal jurisdiction, for malicious shooting, and the jury trying the cause, after having all the evidence, shall be of the opinion that the defendant is not guilty of the malice, they shall have the power to find the defendant guilty of an assault, or an assault and battery, and judgment shall be given accordingly.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That, hereafter, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, loan, or give, to any minor a pistol, bowie-knife, dirk, or Arkansas tooth-pick, or hunter's knife; and whoever shall so sell, loan, or give, to any minor any such weapon, on conviction thereof, upon indictment or presentment, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, and be liable to imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court: *Provided,* that this act shall not be construed so as to prevent the sale, loan, or gift, to any minor of a gun for hunting.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Circuit Judges and the Judges of the Criminal Courts to give this act in charge to the Grand Juries: *Provided,* said minor be travelling on a journey, he shall be exempted.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

NEILL S. BROWN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
EDWARD S. CHEATHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

Passed February 26, 1856.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT to amend the Internal Improvement acts of 1852 and 1854.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That, hereafter, it shall not be necessary for the Engineer in Chief to swear to the subscription list, solvency, and condition of any Railroad Company applying for State aid, but the oath required of the Engineer shall be taken by the President and Treasurer of the Com-