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# Private Acts of 1797 Chapter 8

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## Private Acts of 1797 Chapter 8

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** The other sections in this Act deal with the creation of Cooke County. Therefore, the sections have been omitted.

WHEREAS THE CITIZENS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, LIVING ON THE WATERS OF FRENCH BROAD AND BIG PIGEON, ABOVE THE MOUTH OF CHUCKY RIVER, ARE SO SITUATED BY RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS, THAT THEY CANNOT WITH CONVENIENCE ATTEND COURTS, GENERAL MUSTERS OR ELECTIONS IN SAID COUNTY: AND IT BEING MADE APPEAR TO THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT THE BONDS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE HAD IN EACH COUNTY:

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the passing of this act, the said county shall be divided by a line to begin on the North Carolina boundary line with this state, on the south side of French Broad river, one mile from said river, thence down said river, one mile distance from the same to where it intersects the Greene county line, thence with said line to Nolachucky river, a small distance below Captain William White's house, thence down the said river to French Broad, leaving all the islands to Jefferson County, thence down the river French Broad, in the same manner, to the bent of said river opposite Colonel Parmenas Taylor's, and from thence a direct line to the top of English's mountain, within one mile of Sevier county line, thence parallel with that line to the uppermost house on Cozby's creek, and from thence an easterly line, to a point on the North Carolina boundary line, as to leave six hundred and twenty-five square miles in Jefferson County, and from thence with said boundary line to the beginning, which bounds, so described, shall, from and after the passing of this act, be a separate and distinct county, known by the name of COCKE.

**SECTION 7.** That the sheriff of Jefferson County is hereby authorized to collect all monies due on judgments or executions, entered up in the county of Jefferson, prior to the passing of this act, and that all proceedings now pending in the county of Jefferson shall be proceeded on, and determined in same manner as if this law had not been passed.  
Passed: October 9, 1797.

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