

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the tenth section of the bill be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the following: "And be it enacted, That widows shall be entitled to dower in lands held by equitable title in the husband, unless the same be devised by a will made before the passage of this act, but such right of dower shall not operate to the prejudice of any claim for the purchase money of such land, and tenants by the courtesy shall be entitled for life to lands held by equitable title, but not to the prejudice of any claim for the purchase money of such land?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Long, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be postponed until to-morrow? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, the question was put, That the following section be added to the bill: "And be it enacted, That upon the sale, or election to take any lands under the provisions of the act to regulate descents, in which any married woman may have an interest, her portion of the money arising from such lands shall be secured to her by order of the court, in equal right and benefit as if the lands had not been sold?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the following section be added to the bill: "And be it enacted, That the said courts shall have power to enforce the payment of any claims upon lands or tenements at the instance of any person interested in them, in cases where the delay of payment shall in the judgment of such court, operate unjustly on either of the parties interested in such lands or tenements, or to pass such order and decree in the case as shall promote equal justice to the interest of all concerned therein?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Woodyear, the question was put, That the following section be added to the bill, viz: "And be it enacted, That in case of lands in this state descending to minors residing out of this state, on a bill filed by the prochein ami of any such minor, the said courts may issue a commission to three persons in the state, where the infants reside, authorising them, or any two of them, to go to the infant or infants, and appoint a guardian, for the purpose of answering and defending the suit, and authorising them to take and return such answer, and on return of the same there may be the same proceedings as if the infant defendants had been regularly summoned, and had been heard by a guardian appointed by the court. And be it enacted, That the said courts may decree a sale of such lands, if it shall appear to be for the benefit and advantage of such infants, and may order, or not, in their discretion, a commission to take depositions in the case, as to them shall appear necessary, and upon such terms as they may judge right and proper?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Bradford the following order was read:

Ordered. That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts including Monday the 16th inst. and that they allow to each member of the legislature from the eastern shore, that are now attending, and may be compelled by the inclemency of the weather to go round the head of the bay, the following itinerant charges, in addition to those at present allowed, to wit: To the members from Kent six days; to the members from Queen-Anne's seven days; to the members from Talbot eight days; to the members from Caroline eight days; to the members from Dorchester nine days; to the members from Somerset eleven days; to the members from Worcester eleven days; to Matthew Pearce from Cecil county three days; and to the officers of both houses from the eastern shore the same number of days as are allowed to the members of the county in which they respectively reside.

The order having been read the second time, Mr. Kennedy asked for a division of the question.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the first part of the order relative to closing the journal? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the remainder of the order? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 13, 1818.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity, was sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Washington county court relative to the attendance of the judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The engrossed bills No. 121 to No. 134, inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Long, the following order was read and adopted:

Ordered, That the mace be sent after all absent members in the city.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill from the senate, entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore.

The title of the bill having been read, on motion by Mr. Jones, the question was put, That the reading of the title of said bill be considered as the second reading, and that the bill be rejected? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Somerville, the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the erection of a toll gate on the deer park and soldier's delight road, in Baltimore county, was referred to the next general assembly.

The bill to regulate surveys, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Long, the following resolution was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

Resolved. That the printer to the state be allowed twenty days in addition to the time now limited by law for printing the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session, and that the treasurer of the western shore advance to him the sum of six hundred dollars, in part of the salary allowed him on the civil list for the present year, upon his giving bond and security as required by the law of December session, 1816, ch. 98.