

before the end of the second imparlance court of the cause mentioned in such writ of habeas corpus, or certiorari; and if any writ of habeas corpus, or certiorari, shall be produced to any county court after the end of the second imparlance court as aforesaid, the court shall return this cause for disallowing such writ of habeas corpus, or certiorari, and may proceed in the case as if no writ of habeas corpus, or certiorari, had been produced.

And be it enacted, That any plaintiff or plaintiffs in any suit brought, or hereafter to be brought, in any county court, may remove such cause from such county court to the general court, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; provided such removals in cases of causes hereafter to be brought, be made before the end of the second imparlance court.

This act to continue and be in force for three years, and to the end of the next general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, March 7, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for building a new prison in the city of Annapolis, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and with the bill to invest the United States in congress assembled with a power to levy, for the use of the United States, particular duties on certain enumerated articles, and five per cent. on all other foreign merchandise, imported into this state, was sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

Mr. Dashiell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the erecting light-houses upon Chesapeake bay and Patowmack river, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 6, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, March 6, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Key, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills from No. 41 to No. 63, except 46 and 61, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 7, 1786: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

On motion, That the bill, entitled, An act to direct descents, be read the second time? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esq; president, the honourable John Henry, Thomas Stone, John Smith, William Perry, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Hughes, and George Gale, Esquires.

Determined in the affirmative.

The said bill was then read the second time, and on motion, That the consideration of the said bill be postponed to the next session of the general assembly, and published in the Baltimore and Annapolis news papers? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esq; president, the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Hughes, William Perry, and George Gale, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable John Henry, Thomas Stone, John Smith, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

Determined in the affirmative, and endorsed postponed to the consideration of the next session of the general assembly, ordered to be published, and entered on the journals of the senate.

An ACT to direct descents.

WHEREAS the law of descents, which originated with the feudal system and military tenures, is contrary to justice and ought to be abolished;

Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That if after the commencement of this act, any person seized of an estate in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, lying or being in this state, in fee-simple or fee-simple conditional, heretofore or hereafter acquired, or of an estate in fee tail, to the heirs of the body generally, created and acquired after the commencement of this act, shall die intestate thereof, such lands, tenements or hereditaments, shall descend to the kindred, male and female, of such person, in the following order, to wit: first to the child or children and their descendants, if any, equally, until failure, and if no child or descendant, and the estate descended to the intestate on the part of the father, then to the father, and if no father living, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate of the blood of the father, and their descendants equally, and if no brother or sister as aforesaid, or descendant from