

attend to strike the same, at the office of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and made null and void. 1789.

Passed 27th March, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 495-6. (s)

(s) See an act passed April, 1811, of Philadelphia, for the trial of civil for establishing a new court in the city causes.

## CHAPTER MCCCII.

*An ACT to prevent the granting of Special Courts on the plaintiff's application.*

SECT. I. WHEREAS the granting of Special Courts, on the application of plaintiffs, under pretence of their sudden departure out of this commonwealth, has been found, on experience, to be attended with much injury to the good people thereof, by giving to foreigners an undue preference in the decision of causes: For remedy whereof,

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That so much of an act of General Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled "An act for establishing courts of justice in this province,"\* as authorizes or requires the Justices of the Supreme Court, or of any Court of Common Pleas within this commonwealth, to grant to any plaintiff or plaintiffs a special court or courts, or to hear and determine any suit, cause or action, without the usual imparlances, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.*

Special courts not to be granted on the motion of plaintiffs. (\* Ante. p. 17, chap. 955.)

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## CHAPTER MCCCIII.

*An ACT to prevent the importation of convicts into this commonwealth.*

SECT. I. WHEREAS it hath been represented to this House by the United States in Congress assembled, that a practice prevails of importing felons convict into this state, under various pretences, which said felons convict, so imported, have been sold and dispersed among the people of this state, whereby much injury hath arisen to the morals of some, and others have been greatly endangered in their lives and property: For remedy whereof,

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That, from and after the first day of May next, no captain or master of any vessel, or any other person or persons, shall knowingly or willingly import, bring or send, or cause or procure to be imported,*

Penalty on importing felons convict into this state.