

[Chap. 3.]

AN ACT to authorize the Legislative Assembly to punish for contempt and to privilege the members from arrest.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That each house of the legislative assembly shall have authority to punish by fine and imprisonment every person not a member who shall be guilty of disrespect by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who in any place where the legislative assembly is in session shall threaten harm to the body or estate of any of its members for any thing said or done in the assembly, or who shall assault or arrest any witness or other person going or returning by order of either house, or who shall rescue any person arrested by order of either house of the assembly; and a majority of two thirds of either house may expel a member of its own body: *Provided always*, That the Council shall have cognizance only of offences committed as aforesaid against the Council; and the House of Representatives shall have cognizance only of offences as aforesaid against the House of Representatives: *And provided*, That the fine shall not exceed two hundred dollars and the imprisonment shall not exceed forty-eight hours for any one offence.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of the Council and House of Representatives shall be privileged from arrest, in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, during their attendance at the session of their respective houses, and in going to and returning from the same, and from being questioned in any other place for any speech or debate in either house.

SEC. 3. This act to take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

[Presented to the governor on the 25th November, 1839, and having remained with the governor three days, (Sundays excepted) the legislative assembly being in session, this bill became a law November 28, 1839.]

[Chap. 4.]

AN ACT for the benefit of Settlers, &c. on the Half Breed Lands.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That any person who may have heretofore purchased or may