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the same that the said Bankrupt has made a bona-fide surrender of all his property and rights of property with the exception of such articles as were designated and set apart by the assignee and his household and kitchen furniture) and that the said Bankrupt has fully complied with and obeyed all the orders and directions which have from time to time been passed by this Court and has otherwise conformed to all the requisites of the said act and that no written dissent to such discharge has been filed by a majority in number and value of his Creditors who have proved their debts and no sufficient cause being now shewn to the Court to shy the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted. It is therefore this twenty sixth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and forty four under and by virtue of the act aforesaid adjudged ordered and allowed by the District Court aforesaid that the said Thomas Smoot be and he is hereby fully discharged of and from all his debts owing by him on the thirteenth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and forty three, being the day of the presentation of his Petition, praying to be declared a Bankrupt And it is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court duly certify this decree under the seal of Court and deliver the same to the said Bankrupt when demanded

U. S. Heath D. Judge

Petition of the assee

To the Honorable Judge Heath of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland

Your Orator assignee of Thomas Smoot a Bankrupt of Dorchester County Maryland humbly represents that nearly a year ago objections were filed to the ratification of the sale of said Bankrupts Estate by William Rea who claimed the larger part of the same by virtue of a purchase under Sheriffs sale

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made by authority of a writ issued after the petition of Thomas Smoot for the benefit of the Bankrupt Laws but before he was decreed a Bankrupt. The papers however filed in the Clerks office will show this to be the only issue in the Case. The object of this petition is to solicit from your Honor a decision upon the Case and for these reasons viz John Shehee the surety of Chas Insley who was the largest purchaser under the assignees sale is since dead He was considered by me the Chief reliance for the payment of the first note, since his death it has been found that his personal Estate is insufficient for the payment of his debts and under a Bill in Chancery his real Estate has been sold for that purpose as I have no authority to demand payment from his administrator while the issue between the objector and assignee remains open the Estate may be distributed before the Case is decided and thus the benefit of his suretyship lost - Henry Page Esq a purchaser is since dead his estate will soon be closed but for this claim outstanding and the administrator is very anxious to have the Case settled one way or the other, Smoots part of real Estate was next to nothing have before his petition been sold by the Sheriff and therefore I have no funds to employ Counsel to argue the Case if your Honor deem it necessary $23 are all in my hands of that part of the Estate which I will use in that way if I can find Counsel for so small a sum if your Honor will authorize it. If however your Honor cannot decide the point I solicit a ratification of the sale of so much of the Estate as has not been objected to, that I may go on and collect the sums due thereon One saw mill & 1/4 acre lot with a house upon it and an unimproved lot Your Honor will find by reference to the papers in the Case were sold and the sale not objected to by Mr Rea or any one else Your decision in the premises is respectfully solicited by

Your Orator Wm W Laird assee for Thomas Smoot