by a certain Act of Assembly of this State made at a Session of Assembly held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the first day of November in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors confined in sundry Gaols of this State it was, and is enacted by the authority of the said Assembly "That in case the said Leonard Barbaugh Thomas Yates, John Baxley, John Talbot Rusteau, Conrod Appleman, Boyland Price, Benjamin Lane, Smith Middleton, Quayle Charles Christian, William Perkins of Kent County and Nathaniel Pigman shall before some Justice of the peace for the County where they reside, make and subscribe the following Oath, to wit I A B do swear or affirm, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer to the use of my Creditors, all my property, real, personal, or mixed (the necessary wearing Apparel of myself and family as allowed by my Trustees only excepted) that I have or claim any title to, or Interest in at this time in the World, and all debts, rights, and claims, which I have at this time or that I am in any respect entitled to, in possession, Reversion, or Remainder; and that I have not directly or indirectly at any time before sold, conveyed, leased, disposed of, or intrusted, or concealed, any part of my property of any kind or any part of my debts, rights, and claims thereby wilfully to defraud or deceive, my Creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same or to receive or expect any profit, benefit, or advantage thereby; and shall execute and acknowledge before two Justices of the same County, a Deed to their Trustees appointed in virtue of this Act on behalf of their Creditors, for all their property debts, rights, and claims agreeably to their said Oath, in Trust for their Creditors a Schedule whereof they shall Insert in or annex to the said Deed, that thereupon and forever thereafter the said Leonard Barbaugh, Thomas Yates, John Baxley, John Talbot Rusteau, Conrod Appleman, Boyland Price, Benjamin Lane, Smith Middleton, Quayle Charles Christian, William Perkins of Kent County, and Nathaniel Pigman shall by virtue of this Act be acquitted, released, and for ever discharged from all debts, promises, contracts agreements, and covenants due from, or contracted, made, or entered into by them before the passing this Act. Provided that any Property acquired by the said Leonard Barbaugh, Thomas Yates, John Baxley, John Talbot Rusteau, Conrod Appleman, Boyland Price, Benjamin Lane, Smith Middleton, Quayle Charles Christian, William Perkins of Kent County, and Nathaniel Pigman after the making the said Deed by descent or in their own right, by devise, bequest, or in course of distribution shall be liable for the payment of his debts as by the same Act amongst other things more fully appears, and the said Leonard aforesaid says that the same Session of Assembly ended the twenty second day of December in the same year, And he further saith that afterwards, to wit, on the day of in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety at the County aforesaid made and subscribed the Oath aforesaid before one of the Justices of the peace for the said

County, and afterwards, to wit, on the day of in the same year executed, and acknowledged before and two Justices of the peace for said County a Deed of all his Property, Debts, rights, and claims agreeably to his said Oath to High Sheriff of said County, in trust for his Creditors with a Schedule of all his property, Debts, rights, and Credits to the said Deed annexed And the said Leonard further saith that the time that he the said Leonard made and subscribed the Oath aforesaid, and executed the Deed aforesaid he was a resident of Baltimore County and that and subscribed before whom the said Oath was made, then was one of the Justices of the peace for said County duly commissioned, and qualified, and that and before whom the aforesaid Deed was acknowledged then were Justices of the said County duly commissioned qualified, and authorized to take acknowledgments of Deeds, and that at the time of executing and acknowledging the said Deed was then High Sheriff of the said County duly elected, commissioned, and qualified By reason whereof, and by Operation of the aforesaid Act of Assembly the said Leonard truly was, and now is acquitted, released, and for ever discharged of and from the debts, contracts, covenants, and Agreements in the said Indenture of Lease contained and that he is not in Law longer bound thereby, and this he is ready to verify. Wherefore he prays Judgment &c.

And the said Leonard as to the Sum of four hundred and twelve pounds Current money residue of the Sum of one thousand eight hundred, and fifty four pounds by the said Declaration claimed, saith, that the said Christopher his Action aforesaid, to have and maintain ought not, because he saith, that after the Demise aforesaid to him the said Leonard in form aforesaid made, and before the first day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one, to wit, on the third day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, he the said Christopher at the County aforesaid into and upon the Lot of Ground aforesaid with the Appurtenances and Improvements in and upon the possession of the said Leonard entered, and him the said Leonard from his possession thereof ejected, expelled, and removed, and this he is ready to verify. Wherefore he prays Judgment if the said Christopher his Action aforesaid against him for the said Sum of four hundred and twelve pounds Residue of the said Sum of one thousand eight hundred and fifty four pounds, to have and maintain ought, and so forth.

Philip Barton Key for Def.

And thereupon on motion of the aforesaid Leonard Barbaugh by his Attorney aforesaid, It is ruled by the Court here that the said Christopher Hughes reply and answer to the pleas aforesaid of the aforesaid Leonard Barbaugh in the pleas aforesaid above by him the said Leonard Barbaugh set forth, or Judgment by the