this General Assembly that the said Stephen Steward hath obtained letters of Administration on the Estate of his Father and given security that may become insufficient and that the said Stephen Steward is in possession of a Considerable real Estate which belonged to his Father.

Be it Enacted. That before the said Stephen Steward shall be released or have or receive any Benefit by this Act that he shall give such Father and Ample security for the administration of his Fathers Estate as the Chancellor on examination into the value of the said Estate and the sufficiency of the present securities shall think proper and shall also give such securities as the chancellor shall approve that the said Stephen Steward his Executor or administrators shall pay and satisfy the Creditors of his Father to the value of all the real Estate descended to him or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay all his Fathers debts or that he will convey to a Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the said Chancellor aforesaid on behalf of the said Creditors all the real Estate that hath descended to him as Heir at Law of his said Father for the use and benefit of the Creditors of his Father with power to sell the said Estate or so much as may be necessary on the terms and according to the directions of the Chancellor for the payment of the debts of his Father and in trust to pay the surplus (if any) to the said Stephen Steward.

Geo: Plater.

By the House of Delegates
Decem: 30th 1791.
Read and assented to.
By order
W. Harwood Clerk.

(the Great Seal of Wax Appendant)

By the Senate
Decem: 30th 1791.
Read & assented to
By order
A Ridgely Clerk.

And the said Archibald further saith that after the passing the said Act in pursuance thereof and the power & Authority thereby given on the twenty fourth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two the said Benjamin Laming then being in Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County aforesaid at the suit of Sundry of his Creditors did exhibit his Petition to the Chancellor of this State to receive the benefit of the Act of Assembly aforesaid and thereby offered to deliver to the use of his Creditors all his property real personal and

(mixed)

mixed to which he was any way entitled a schedule whereof on Oath together with a list of his Creditors the said Benjamin did annex to his petition aforesaid in pursuance whereof of the Act of Assembly aforesaid the said Chancellor did cause the said Benjamin Laming to be brought before him at the Chancery Office in the City of Annapolis on the twenty eighth day of the same month of February in the year last aforesaid and the said Benjamin Laming then & there first taken the Oath prescribed by the said Act before the Chancellor was then and there by order of the Chancellor discharged from his imprisonment and the Custody of the said Sheriff. And the said Chancellor did afterwards on the Day & year last aforesaid at his Office aforesaid proceed in pursuance of the said Act to appoint the fourth Day of September then next for the said Benjamin Laming to appear at his said Office to answer the Interrogatories of his Creditors and to convey his property to a Trustee to be then appointed in pursuance of the directions of the said Act but the said Archibald Campbell further saith that before any further proceedings could be had in Virtue of the said Act, petition aforesaid the said Benjamin Laming departed this life to wit on the Day of in the year last aforesaid at Baltimore County aforesaid and this the said Archibald is ready to verify and so forth. Wherefore he prays Judgment and his Debt aforesaid together with Damages for the detention thereof to him to be adjudged and so forth. And as to the third plea of the said John above pleaded the said Archibald saith that by anything in the said plea alledged he the said Archibald to be precluded from having & maintaining his said Action ought not because he saith that after the making the said Bill obligatory and before the suing of the writ of the said Archibald in this Cause by a certain Act of Assembly of the State of Maryland made at a session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the seventh of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one and passed on the thirtieth day of December in the year last aforesaid entitled "An Act for the relief of Sundry insolvent Debtors" it was enacted in the following words &

An Act for the relief of Sundry Insolvent debtors.

Whereas Thomas Smyth, Hezekiah Cooper, of Kent County Jeremiah Baker, Patrick Hamilton and George Hamilton of

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