Cecil County. Joseph Donaldson, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowers, John Beal Howard, Benjamin Nicholson, John Hewen, Benjamin Laming, John Weatherburn, Caleb Tappin, Sutton Leggate, Joseph Evans, Frederick Devilbiss, Thomas Langton, William Hammond, and Samuel Merrett of Baltimore County. Richard Wheeler, Basil Burgess, Marsh Marcen Duvall, Stephen Clarke Stephen Steward, Isaac Simmonds of Anne Arundel County. Eleanor Bowles, John Sleeth of Washington County, Samuel Offutt, Henry Watson, David Geddis, Joseph H. Jones and George Stevens of Montgomery County. John Kennedy and Rezdon Bozman of Somerset County. Francis King of Calvert County. Benjamin Contee of Charles County. Sarah Darnell of Queen Anns County, Benjamin Bell and Alexander Contee of Prince Georges County, John Don Cary, Benedict Woodward and John Schley of Frederick County. Isaac Whitaker and Josiah Hitchcock Junior of Harford County by their Petitions to this General Assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their Creditors and have prayed that they may be discharged, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their Creditors: and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable therefore Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland that on application of either of the said Debtors to the Chancellor by Petition in writing offering to deliver up to the use of his Creditors all his property real personal or mixed to which he is any way entitled a schedule whereof on Oath or affirmation as the Case may require, together with a list of the Creditors of the persons so applying on oath or affirmation as far as he can ascertain them shall be annexed to such Petition the Chancellor shall in his discretion either direct personal Notice of such application to be given to the creditors or so many of them as can be served therewith or their Agents or Attorneys or direct notice of such application to be inserted in the public newspapers for such time as he shall think proper which in Case of their being a Creditor or Creditors beyond sea shall not be less than six months and on their appearance or neglect to appear on notice at the times and

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place appointed the Chancellor shall administer to the Petitioning Debtor the following Oath or affirmation as the case may require. I A. B. do swear solemnly and sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will deliver up Convey and transfer to my Creditors Creditors in such manner as the Chancellor shall direct all my property that I have or Claim any title to or Interest in at this time and all debts rights and Claims which I have or am in any way entitled to in possession reversion or remainder and that I have not directly or indirectly at any time sold conveyed lessened or disposed of for the use or benefit of any person or persons or intrusted any part of my Money or other property, Debts rights or Claims thereby to defraud my Creditors or any of them or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit benefit or advantage thereby" and the Chancellor shall thereupon name such person as a Majority of the Creditors in Value their Agents or Attorney's then present shall recommend to be a Trustee for the benefit of the Creditors of the Petitioning Debtor or in case of the Nonattendance of the Creditors or of their not making a recommendation the Chancellor shall name such person as he shall think proper to be a Trustee as aforesaid.

And Be it Enacted that before such Trustee proceeds to Act he shall give bond for the faithfull performance of his duty to such person in Trust for the Creditors of the said petitioning Debtor and in such penalty as the Chancellor shall direct which shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of the Court of Chancery and a Copy thereof certified under the Hand of the of the said Register shall be good Evidence in any Court of Law or Equity of this State and if any Trustee appointed by virtue of this Act shall refuse to Act or die or neglect to give bond as aforesaid in a reasonable time to be judged of by the Chancellor or be removed by the Chancellor for Misbehaviour he shall appoint such other person as he shall think proper in his place who shall give bond as aforesaid and on giving such bond in Case the said Debtor had conveyed his property to the former Trustee he shall immediately be vested with all the property of every kind and all the debts rights and credits of the said debtor as completely as the former trustee was vested with the same. And be it Enacted that upon the said petitioning, Debtors executing and acknowledging a Deed to the

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