

ward Smith, Levin Belt, and Richard Stringer, junior, of Baltimore county, John Vickers, Jacob Handy, William Warren, Charles Baker, John Colston, Andrew Price and Robins Chamberlaine, of Talbot county, William Bozman, Thomas White and John Howard, of Somerset county, Robert Green and Thomas Stanford, of Dorchester county, James Porter, of Cecil county, Walter W. Harwood, Benjamin Boyd, Patrick Sim, John Wirring, Ignatius Boone, Archibald S. Clarke, James Alexander Magruder, Benoni Hamilton Wade, David Young and William Sprigg Bowie, of Prince-George's county, Gilbert Murdock, John Wilmot and Thomas Edgar, of the city of Annapolis, William Mullen, Philemon C. Blake, John Kearnes and Joseph Everitt, of Queen-Anne's county, Ralph Briscoe, Benjamin M'Coy, John M'Munn, Josias Clements, Edward Stevenson and Joshua Stevenson, of Frederick county, William M'Comas, Archibald Robinson, James St. Clair, Nathaniel Harpley, Robert Nesbitt and Thomas Taylor, of Harford county, Thomas S. Loveday, Corbin Lee, William Boone and Arthur Traverse, of Caroline county, Howes Goldsborough, William B. Magruder, Thomas L. Washington, Victor Lavancey, John G. Konecke, Frederick Kramer, Robert Morton, Jacob Richter, Richard Gittings, Lambert Smith, David Stewart, Lendrum Holmes, John Holmes, Lloyd Buchanan, Henry Worthington, Henry Courtenay, Lloyd Buchanan and Henry Courtenay, David Stewart, David C. Stewart and John Stewart, William R. Smith, William Tull, William Duncan, Thorowgood Smith, Henry Troupe, Seth Andrews, Adam Gantz, James M'Cormick, George Deel, William Vance, William Vanwyck, John C. Luttig and John C. Meyer, Charles Halfey, Richard Ration and Nicholas Konecke, Herman Conrod Dwerghagen, Herman Conrod Dwerghagen and Anthony Groverman, John Burke, Adrian Valck and Christian Mayer, Alexander Coulter, William Messersmith, Roger Robbins, William Shanks, John William Delaney, Jonathan Hudfon, Stephen Zacharie, John Hackett and Alexander Grant, Archibald Campbell, Thorowgood Smith, Lambert Smith, Peter A. Volckman, Joseph Calman and Louis Du Bourg, George Liggitt, George W. Murray, Henry Molier, John Starck, James Law, William Smith, James Curtis, Francis Brandt, William Paine, Theodocius James Hamilton, William Cook and John Atkins Burford, of the city of Baltimore, Alexander Kennedy, Amos Pierpoint and Peter Burrell, of Washington county, John Pringle, Charles Wayman and Thomas J. Beatty, of Montgomery county, John Neptune, Thomas Stewart, Levy Hilleary, Peter Lawdermilk, Samuel Lawdermilk and John Bridenhart, of Allegany county, and Samuel Boots, of the city of Washington, 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,

II. 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 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 person so applying, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or to as many of them as he may think proper, or their agents or attornies, and direct notice of such application to be inserted in some one of the public news-papers of the cities of Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, for such time as he may think proper, which, in case of there being a creditor or creditors beyond sea, shall not be less than six months, and in case of there being a creditor or creditors out of this state, but within the United States, shall not be less than sixty days, and on their appearance, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and 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, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer, to my 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 any way entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, 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, with intent 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 attornies, then present, shall recommend, to be a trustee for the benefit of the creditors of the petitioning debtor, or in case of the non-attendance 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.

Chancellor, on application, to direct notice, &c.