

the said court, praying the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, the said judges, or any one of them, shall be authorised to extend to the said George Stine, the full benefit of the insolvent laws thereof, without his being required to prove a residence of two years within the state of Maryland, provided that the said George Stine shall in all other respects comply with the provisions of the said insolvent laws.

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An ACT to authorise the Sheriffs and Collectors of the several Counties of this State to complete their collections.

Passed December 25, 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties of this state, whose term of office expired in the year eighteen hundred and nine, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to collect until the first day of December, eighteen hundred and eleven, all balances due them as sheriffs or collectors of their respective county for the year eighteen hundred and nine, in the same manner that they could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before the said sheriffs or collectors shall proceed to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes, officers fees or public dues, in virtue of this act, they shall deliver to, or leave at the last place of abode of, the person or persons, his, her or their heirs, executors or administrators, chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes, officers fees or public dues, demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed thereto, if required, that they have not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of their knowledge.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said several sheriffs or collectors, before they derive any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge a copy of their collection books in the clerk's office of their respective county, to be opened for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

C H A P. CXXXIII.

An ACT for the relief of James Fulton, of the City of Baltimore.

Passed December 25, 1810.

WHEREAS James Fulton, of the city of Baltimore, has represented to this general assembly, that as one of the late firm of Alexander and James Fulton, he became indebted to a large amount to sundry persons, which debts the said firm by reason of misfortunes and losses in trade were rendered unable fully to pay; that on the eighth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and four, in pursuance of the agreement and direction of a large majority in number and amount of their creditors assembled at a general meeting, he, together with his partner Alexander Fulton, by deed duly executed, and since acknowledged and recorded, did convey, assign and transfer, all their real and leasehold estate, in which they, or either of them, were interested, as also all their goods, wares and merchandizes, and books of accounts, and all debts and sums of money due or owing to them, and all the property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind, to which the said Alexander and James Fulton, or either of them, were in any way interested, unto Luke Tiernan and Alexander McDonald, in trust for the benefit of all such of their creditors as should assent to and sign the release contained in the said deed; that the said deed was assented to and signed by four fifths in amount and value of their creditors, but that the agents of certain British creditors in this state, not conceiving themselves authorised, did not assent to the said release, and now after a lapse of more than five years, have commenced suits against him for debts due from the said firm of Alexander and James Fulton, although by the said deed he has been wholly deprived of all means of satisfying the said claims, and has since been obliged to encounter great difficulties in supporting his wife and family, which support they will be entirely deprived of if the said claimants continue to prosecute their suits against him, and hath prayed that he may be released from all claims and demands against him as one of the firm of Alexander and James Fulton, without prejudicing any just claims against him for any debts contracted since the date of the said deed; and the prayer of the said James Fulton appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of the said James Fulton to Baltimore county court, and satisfying them by competent testimony, that he hath obtained the release of two thirds in amount of the creditors of the late firm of Alexander and James Fulton, and taking before the said court an oath to assign and transfer to the trustees in the aforesaid deed named, in such manner as the said court shall direct, all the property, real, personal and mixed, and all the debts and effects to which he was in any way entitled at the date of the said