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may discharge the said Thomas Lightfoot, on motion; and if the said Thomas shall be arrested or imprisoned, on any process for the recovery of any debt, damages, or costs, contracted, owing, or growing due, before the end of this session of assembly, the court or justice before whom such process shall be returned, shall and may discharge the said Thomas out of custody, on his common appearance being entered, without any special bail, provided that the discharge of the said Thomas shall not acquit any other person from such debt, damages, or costs, or any part thereof, but that all such persons shall be answerable for the same, in such manner as they were before the passing this act.

Proviso.

IV. **Provided always, and be it enacted,** That notwithstanding the discharge of the said Thomas Lightfoot, all and every debt and debts, due and owing from him the said Thomas Lightfoot, and all and every judgment had or decree obtained against him, shall stand and be good and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, against the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of him the said Thomas Lightfoot, which he or any other person in trust for him had at the time of his discharge, or against the lands and tenements which the said Thomas, at any time hereafter, shall or may be seized or possessed of by descent, and that it shall and may be lawful for any of the said Thomas Lightfoot's creditors, their executors, administrators, or assigns, to take out new execution or executions, without any *scire facias* previous thereto, against the lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, goods and chattels, of the said Thomas Lightfoot, (except the wearing apparel, bedding, and working tools, of the said Thomas Lightfoot, not exceeding one hundred pounds current money) for the satisfaction of his, her, or their debts, in such sort, manner, and form, as he, she, or they, might have done if the said Thomas Lightfoot had not been taken in execution or discharged by virtue of this act.

Proviso.

V. **Provided nevertheless,** That in case the said Thomas Lightfoot shall at any time after making his affirmation as aforesaid, be convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury thereon, or of a wilful breach or non-compliance with the tenor of such affirmation as aforesaid, that then the said prisoner shall, upon such conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any benefit intended to him by this act, and shall from thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any debt or demands whatsoever, in the same manner as if this act had never been made, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT for the relief of James Bartlett, of Talbot county, and the reverend Bartholomew Booth, of Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, That James Bartlett, of Talbot county, now is and for some years past hath been totally insane and void of reason, whereby he was incapable of taking the oath or affirmation of fidelity to this state, as is directed and required by the act for the better security of the government :