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agent and attorney for a certain Thomas Philpot, of London, merchant, in which employ he the said Frank Leeke continued until the commencement of the present war; during which time he the said Frank Leeke entered into sundry engagements, and made himself responsible for divers sums of money due from the said Thomas Philpot to many citizens of this state, amounting to the sum of two thousand three hundred and seventeen pounds sterling, and upwards; and that there are sundry debts due the said Thomas Philpot from citizens of this state, sufficient to enable him to discharge the engagements entered into for and on account of the said Thomas Philpot, had he a power to settle, collect, and receive the same; and therefore prays that a law may pass, authorising him, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to settle, collect, and receive the same: Therefore,

F. Leeke may  
collect debts,  
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Frank Leeke shall be, and is hereby, authorised to settle, adjust, and collect, all debts due to the said Thomas Philpot; and that the said Frank Leeke be empowered to sue for and recover, in the name of the said Thomas Philpot, all debts or demands which are due to the said Thomas Philpot in this state, or which he could, if a subject of this state, claim from any person or persons, under such restrictions and provisions as to bringing suits as are or may by law be imposed on citizens of this state; and the said Frank Leeke apply the money by him received, collected, or secured, in virtue of this act, to discharge the debts due by the said Thomas Philpot to subjects of this state or any of the United States.

To settle with  
auditor, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said Frank Leeke, previous to his entering upon the collection or bringing suits for payment of the said debts due the said Thomas Philpot, shall settle his account against the said Thomas Philpot with the auditor-general and the intendant, and enter into bond to this state, with sufficient security, to be approved of by the governor and council, well conditioned for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him by this act, and to pay the balance of the money (if any there be over and above the claims against the said Thomas Philpot) to the treasurer of the western shore.

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An ACT to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, and to apply the same.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Thomas Contee, of Prince-George's county, hath by his memorial presented to this general assembly set forth, that he, as agent and factor for William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, of London, merchants, had endorsed bills of exchange, drawn on, and entered into engagements for, the said William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, to a very considerable amount; and that there were debts due from the said William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, to a considerable amount; and that there were debts due to the said William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, by citizens of this state, which were liable to be lost, for want of a power in some person to settle and collect