

the benefit of said laws, notwithstanding his having failed to obtain a final discharge as aforesaid; *Provided*, the said commissioners be first satisfied before acting on his second application, that the failure to obtain his final discharge as aforesaid, did not proceed from unfair and fraudulent purposes; and the said applicant shall answer on oath, before he obtained his personal discharge on said second application, all the interrogatories which may have been filed against him on his previous application, and at the same time, such other interrogatories as may be filed against him on his second application.

*Provided there be no implication of fraud.*

*Answer upon oath.*

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the final appearance of every insolvent debtor, applying after the first day of April next, to the said commissioners of insolvent debtors for the benefit of the insolvent laws of Maryland, shall take place and be made before the said commissioners, instead of being before Baltimore county court, at such period as is now lawful in that behalf, to be assigned for such appearance before Baltimore county court; and the said commissioners shall have the same power and discretion of extending and changing the time for such final appearance as is now vested in said court, and under the same limitations, and to the same effect and operation to every intent and purpose.

*Final appearance shall be before the commissioners.*

*Instead of county court.*

*Powers vested.*

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if on such final appearance or the final hearing of such insolvent debtor, before said commissioners, it shall appear to said commissioners, that the debtor has complied with the terms and conditions of the insolvent laws, and acted fairly and bona fide, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to grant him a final discharge in the same manner and to the same effect, as is now allowed to Baltimore county court, and it shall be their duty to decide unfavourably on the case of such debtor, and to refuse said discharge, if he shall not have complied as aforesaid, or have acted as aforesaid, and said discharge or unfavourable decision shall be certified by such person as said commissioners shall appoint their clerk, who shall have and use a seal of office, such as said commissioners shall direct; and the certificate of said clerk, under said seal of any acts or proceedings of said commissioners, and of copies of any papers in any case of an insolvent debtor, or in the office of said commissioners, shall be as valid and effectual as the certificate under seal of the clerk of Baltimore county court now is, in like cases, and the said commissioners shall, notwithstanding the authority hereby granted them, in respect of such final discharge, report and return to Baltimore county court, after such final discharge or unfavourable decision as aforesaid, all their proceedings and the papers in the case of the insolvent debtor, as such proceedings and papers are now required to be reported and returned, the said clerk of said com-

*Commissioners authorized to grant final discharge.*

*Duty to refuse such discharge. Certificate of decision.*

*Seal authorized.*

*Copy made evidence.*

*Commissioners shall report proceedings to the county court.*