and also, that the plaintiff or plaintiffs, his, her or their executors or administrators, or his, her or their attorney at law, in the case of such amerciament as aforesaid, upon the return of any writ, being mesne process, offered or tendered to the said sheriff or coroner, an assignment of the cause of action, when the same cause of action shall arise on contract, whereupon the original writ issued.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff or coroner who shall be amerced as aforesaid, and unto whom any such cause of action, arising on contract, shall be assigned as aforesaid, and who shall have paid or satisfied the same, to the original plaintiff or plaintiffs, his, her or their executors or administrators, or attorney at law, to bring suit thereon for the recovery of the same, under and by virtue of such assignment; and that the defendant or defendants, his, her or their heirs, executors or administrators, shall have the same full advantage and benefit of defence on such suit, to all intents and purposes, as he, she or they, might have or be entitled unto upon a suit prosecuted in the name of the original plaintiff or plaintiffs.

Sheriff, &c. may bring suit, &c.

## CHAPTER 110.

An Acr for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors.

Supplements and other laws are, 1806, ch. 98; 1807, ch. 55, 150; 1808, ch. 71; 1809, ch. 179; 1812, ch. 77; 1814, ch. 122; 1816, ch. 221; 1817, ch. 183; 1819, ch. 84; 1820, ch. 108, 182, 186, 194; 1821, ch. 250; 1822, ch. 102; 1825, ch. 122, 205; 1827, ch. 70; 1828, ch. 63; 1829, ch. 31, 208; 1830, ch. 65, 125, 130; 1832, ch. 173, 203; 1834, ch. 92, 293, 309, 316, 336; 1835, ch. 235, 384; 1836, ch. 70, 97, 134, 293.

See Index, words 'Insolvent Debtor.'

Sec. 1. Contains the names of individuals who had petitioned the general assembly for the benefit of special acts of insolvency, and the benefit of this act was originally limited to them. By 1806, ch. 98, and 1809, ch. 179, the benefits of this act were extended to any insolvent debtor who shall have resided within the state two years next before his application.

A peculiar tribunal to take charge of insolvent petitioners, was created for the city of Baltimore, by 1816, ch. 221. The provisions of this system are so intimately blended with the general insolvent law, that it is deemed most advisable to incorporate them with the 'General Public Law.'

Court, on application of debtor, to direct notice to creditors, &c.

SEC. 2. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of either of the said debtors to the county court of the county in which they severally reside, or to any judge thereof in the case of the actual confinement of such applicant, by petition in writing, offering to deliver to the use of his creditors, all his property, real, personal or mixed, (the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of himself and his family excepted,) to which he is in any way entitled, a schedule whereof, (on oath or affirmation, as the case may require,) together with a list of the creditors of the persons so applying