

nefit 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,

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2. 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 deed; and on the said James Fulton executing and delivering to the said trustees such deed as the court shall direct for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the said court to release the said James Fulton from all debts, contracts, claims and demands, against him as one of the late firm of Alexander and James Fulton, or for which the said James Fulton was or is in any way liable as one of the partners of the said firm; *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to release any claim against the said James Fulton for any debt contracted by him solely and on his own account.

On his application to county court they may release him, &c.

Proviso.

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*A Supplement to the Act\*, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 613.*

Passed Dec 25. 1806, ch 19.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no stockholder in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, shall be considered a practical mechanic or manufacturer, within the meaning of the seventh section of the act to which this is a supplement, nor as such be eligible as a director of said bank, unless he shall have actually learned and wrought at some mechanical or manufacturing trade for the term of three years at the least, and for the term of twelve months next preceding the time of his election shall have carried on, and shall then be carrying on, as his principal occupation, some mechanical or manufacturing business, in his own person or with his own funds, by workmen or apprentices employed by or working under him.

What persons shall be denominated practical mechanics, &c.