

CHAP. 221. city of Baltimore, that such personal discharge hath been granted, and of the time fixed by the said court or judge for the final hearing, and requiring the creditors of the insolvent to appear at such time and place as the said commissioners may appoint, to attend and nominate some person or persons whom the said commissioners shall appoint as trustee or trustees, for the benefit of the creditors, and to give to the said commissioners all information in their possession to enable them to report to the court as hereinafter directed.

Such notice to be in lieu of that directed by original act

\* 1805, ch. 110

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the notice herein before directed to be given by the commissioners shall be in lieu of the notice directed to be given by the act\*, omitted, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and the expense of giving such notice shall be defrayed by such insolvent debtor.

Duty of commissioners

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners diligently to inquire and examine into the nature and circumstances of all such applications, and the said commissioners shall have power to compel such insolvent debtors to answer on oath all interrogatories touching the subject matter, which may be exhibited or propounded on behalf of the creditors, or any of them, and if upon such examination it shall appear that the said insolvent debtor hath complied with the terms and conditions of the insolvent laws, and hath acted fairly and *bona fide*, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to report the same to Baltimore county court, and return the schedule, and all proceedings which may have been had before them, to the office of the clerk of Baltimore county court, there to be recorded, and the said judges shall thereupon grant a full and final discharge under such laws, without requiring the assent of the creditors of such insolvent debtor; *Provided however*, that the judges shall not grant such final discharge if allegations shall be filed by any creditor of such insolvent debtor, at least ten days before the time fixed for the final discharge of such debtor, until such allegations shall have been heard and determined in favour of such insolvent debtor; *And provided also*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the creditor or creditors of any insolvent debtor of the right of filing allegations at any time within two years from the time of discharge.

Proviso

Conveyances, giving an undue preference, declared void

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all deeds, conveyances, transfers, assignment or sales, of any property, real, personal or mixed, or of any debts, rights or claims, to any creditor or creditors, security or securities, which have been or shall hereafter be made, by any person, with a view or under an expectation of being or becoming an insolvent debtor, and with an intent thereby to give an undue and improper preference to such creditor or creditors, security or securities, shall be absolutely null and void, and the title to property or claims so attempted to be conveyed, transferred, assigned or sold, shall vest in the trustee or trustees of such insolvent debtors, as effectually as any property specified in the schedule of such insolvent debtor; *Provided however*, that no insolvent debtor shall be precluded from the benefit of the insolvent laws on account of any such deeds, conveyances, transfers, assignments, or sales as aforesaid.

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