

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That CHAP. 64.  
 in case the said Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith shall, on or  
 before the first day of June next, before the judges of Baltimore  
 county court, make and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation,  
 to wit: "We, Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith, do swear, or  
 "solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm and declare, that we will de-  
 "liver up, convey and transfer, to our creditors, in such manner as  
 "the judges of said court shall direct, all our property, that we have  
 "or claim any title to, or interest in, at this time, and all debts,  
 "rights and claims, which we have, or are any way entitled to, in  
 "possession, remainder or reversion, and that we have not, directly  
 "or indirectly, at any time sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of,  
 "for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any  
 "part of our money or other property, debts, rights or claims, there-  
 "by to defraud our creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same,  
 "to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby,"  
 the judges of said court shall thereupon name such person as a ma-  
 jority of the said Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith's creditors,  
 their agents or attorneys, shall recommend to the trustee for the be-  
 nefit of the creditors of the said Richard Gittings and Lambert  
 Smith, and in case no recommendation as aforesaid shall be made  
 by the said creditors, their agents or attorneys, the judges of said  
 court shall nominate and appoint such person as they shall think  
 proper to be trustee as aforesaid.

Oath to be taken  
—trustee to be ap-  
pointed.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before such trustee proceeds to act, Trustee to give  
bond.  
 he shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duty, to such  
 person, in trust for the creditors of said petitioning debtors, and  
 in such penalty as the judges of said court shall direct, which shall  
 be recorded in Baltimore county court, and a copy thereof, certified  
 under the hand of the clerk of Baltimore county, shall be good evi-  
 dence in any court of law or equity of this state; and if any trustee  
 appointed by virtue of this act shall refuse to act, or die, or neglect  
 to give bond as aforesaid in a reasonable time, to be judged of by  
 the said court, or be removed by the said court for misbehaviour,  
 they shall appoint such other person as they shall think proper in  
 his place, who shall give bond as aforesaid, and on giving such  
 bond, in case the said Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith had  
 conveyed their property to the former trustees, he shall be immedi-  
 ately vested with all the property of every kind, and all debts,  
 rights and credits, of the said Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith,  
 as completely as the former trustee was vested with the same.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon the said Richard Gittings  
 and Lambert Smith's executing and acknowledging a deed to the  
 trustee to be appointed as aforesaid, conveying all their property,  
 real, personal and mixed, and all debts and claims, agreeably to  
 the oath or affirmation as aforesaid, and on their delivery to the  
 said trustee all the said property which they shall have in possession,  
 and their books, papers, and evidences of debts of every kind, and  
 the said trustee's certifying the same in writing to the said court,  
 it shall be lawful for the said court to order that the said Richard  
 Gittings and Lambert Smith shall be discharged from all debts,  
 covenants, contracts, promises and agreements, due from, or owing  
 or contracted by them, as partners in trade as aforesaid, before  
 the date of the said deed, and by virtue of such order the said Ri-  
Upon executing a  
deed to trustee,  
&c. court to dis-  
charge them, &c.