

CHAP. 110. county; Louis De Niseth, Robert Nesbit, Robert Boyne, Philip Bier, senior, Louis Barburin, William Merryman, Jacob Borden, slager, James Clayland, John Gill, John Miller, Henry Semmes, Edmund Curtis, Benjamin D. Galpin, Charles Rogers, Isaac Smith, Charles Edwards, Richards Nicols, John R. Caldwell, Elisha Stansbury, Joseph Kidder, Thomas Jones, Gilbert Middleton, Enuch Welsh, Thomas Meeteer, Jonathan Edwards, Wallace Muschert, Henry Steenhuis, Charles Coffin, Perley P. Richards, Henry Lay, William Bond, James Earengay, John Davis, Reuben Sewell, James Scarrigt, David Butler, William Starr, John B. Sayre, William Boyce, John Merryman, John Carson Seton and Howell Price, of the city of Baltimore; Mountjoy Bayly, Joseph Kennedy, John Stephens, of Washington county; Washington Drane and Patrick Lyddan, of Montgomery county; and William B. Boyd, of Allegany county; by their petitions to this general assembly, have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to pay their debts, and have prayed that they may be discharged therefrom, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of either of the said debtors (a) to the county court of the county in which they severally reside, or to any judge thereof in 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, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to or accompany such petition, the county court shall direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or to as many of them as can be served therewith, or their agent or attorneys, or direct notice of such application to be advertised in the most public places of the county where the said debtor resides, or to be inserted in some news-paper for such time as they may think proper, and on the appearance of the said creditor, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and place appointed, the county court shall administer to the petitioning debtor the following oath or affirmation, as the case may require: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer, to my creditors, in such manner as the county court shall direct, all my property that I have, or claim any title to or interest in, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am any way entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, (the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of myself and family excepted,) and that I 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 his monies or other property, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any

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

Debtors oath.

(a) See section 21 of this act.