

other matter and thing necessary to the carrying the said act into execution according to the true intent and meaning thereof. C H A P. XV.

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An ACT to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, and to fix the holding of the general court for the eastern shore at Talbot. Passed December 22.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all that part of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, which respects the laying out a town, the erection of a court-house and prison, at Dover, and the holding of the general court for the eastern shore there, be and is hereby repealed. Part of an act repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That the judges of the general court, or any one of them, shall hold their court for transacting and determining the business of the eastern shore at Talbot, in Talbot county, for ever hereafter; and that the name of the said town shall hereafter be called Easton. Judges to hold court at Talbot, &c.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of Robert Long, James Rooney and Andrew Stigar, of Baltimore county, confined in the gaol of the said county. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS Robert Long, James Rooney and Andrew Stigar, by their petitions to this general assembly, have set forth, that they are confined in Baltimore county gaol for debts, and that they are willing to surrender up all their estates for the use and benefit of their creditors, to obtain a release from confinement; and as the allegations of the said petitioners appear to be true, and their remaining in gaol can be of no advantage to their creditors: And whereas also it is represented to this general assembly, that the said Robert Long is possessed of a considerable real estate, which, under prudent management, might be sufficient to pay all his debts, if trustees were nominated and appointed to make sale thereof to the best advantage: Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case the said Robert Long shall deliver up and surrender to Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowley and William M'Laughlin, or any two of them, all his real and personal estate, either in possession, reversion, remainder or in trust, or in or unto which he hath any claim or interest, and likewise convey, assign, transfer and make over, unto the said Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowley and William M'Laughlin, or any two of them, their heirs and assigns, for ever, for the use of the creditors of the said Robert Long, all such his estate, interest or claim, as aforesaid; and the said Robert Long, at the time of such surrender and transfer of his estate as aforesaid, shall take an oath before some one of the justices of Baltimore county to the following effect: "I, Robert Long, do swear, that the lands, tenements, goods, chattels, debts and effects, which I have delivered, assigned and made over, to Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowley and William M'Laughlin, or any two of them, as the case may be, in trust for the use of my creditors, the whole estate both real and personal of mine in possession, or that I have any title to in the world, and that I have not any estate, goods or effects, of any kind whatsoever left, either in possession, reversion or remainder, (the necessary wearing apparel of myself, wife and children, and working tools, excepted) and that I have not directly or indirectly sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of, all or any of my estate, thereby to defraud my creditors, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit or advantage therefrom;" and upon a certificate in writing from the said trustees, or any two of them, that the said Robert Long hath complied with this act, the said sheriff of Baltimore county shall discharge the said Robert Long, and suffer him to go at large. R. Long, on delivering up his estate, to be discharged, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Robert Long, on his complying with the terms aforesaid, shall be entitled to the same relief, and subject to the same penalties And entitled to the same relief, &c.