

C H A P. IX. now depending in the general court for the western shore, for a tract of land called Deep Point, wherein the said Philip Hall is defendant, be determined.

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An ACT for the benefit of Samuel Chafe, of Baltimore-town.

Passed December 19.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said Samuel Chafe, by his memorial to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he, in company with John and Thomas Dorsey, and in company with John and Thomas Dorsey and Luke Wheeler, became very largely indebted by bond and otherwise to the state and private creditors; that the property belonging to the said two companies will pay but a very small part of their debts; that the said John Dorsey and Luke Wheeler are insolvent; that the far greater part of the said debts hath been paid, or secured to be paid, by the said Thomas Dorsey; that he is indebted, on his own account and private credit, in considerable sums of money, and that all his property is greatly insufficient to discharge his private debts, and also what he is liable to pay of the said partnership debts; that he is desirous of paying his private debts, and also as much of the debts of the said companies as his present circumstances and ability will permit, and for that purpose, that he hath proposed to Thomas Dorsey (the only solvent partner in the said two companies) to convey to him, his heirs and assigns, all his right, title and claim, to all property belonging to the said two partnerships, and also all his right and title to an undivided eighth part or share of certain confiscated British property, known by the name of the Nottingham Forges, and White Marsh Furnace, consisting of three thousand eight hundred and seventy and an half acres of land, sixty negro slaves, some teams, coal-waggons and horses, and household furniture, and three hundred and forty-eight acres of land, part of a tract of land called Darnall's Camp, bought by the memorialist of the state, in partnership with captain Charles Ridgely and six other persons, and paid for by the memorialist, and of all the increase of the said negroes and stock, and all profits arising from the said purchase, since the time of making the same, subject nevertheless to the claim of the state against the said two companies, or either of them, and that thereupon, and thereafter, he should by law be for ever acquitted and discharged from all debts due, or contracted, and all covenants and agreements made by him on account of either of the said partnerships, and that the said Thomas Dorsey hath given his approbation of, and consent to, this proposal; that after conveyance to the said Thomas Dorsey of the said forge, furnace, lands, negroes and stock, with their increase and profits, the residue of his property will not be sufficient to discharge his private debts; and prayed that a law may pass, that on his making such conveyance of the said property belonging to the said two partnerships, and also of his private property above mentioned, to the said Thomas Dorsey, his heirs and assigns, that he shall for ever thereafter be acquitted and discharged from all debts heretofore due, or contracted by him and the said Thomas and John Dorsey, or by him and the said John and Thomas Dorsey and Luke Wheeler, and from all covenants and agreements made by him on account of the said partnerships: And whereas the facts in the said memorial appear to be true, and that the said Thomas Dorsey, mentioned in the said memorial, hath given his approbation and consent in writing, that a law should pass according to the prayer in the said memorial; and the said Samuel Chafe hath made it appear to this general assembly on oath, that his property, after conveyance of his private property above mentioned to the said Thomas Dorsey, is insufficient to pay his private debts: And whereas it is thought by this general assembly reasonable and proper to grant the prayer of the said memorial;

S. Chafe, on conveying certain property, discharged from partnership debts, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if the said Samuel Chafe shall, on or before the first day of January next, make a conveyance to the said Thomas Dorsey, and his heirs and assigns, in trust, for the benefit of the creditors of the said two co-partnerships, in manner hereafter directed, of all the right, title and claim, of the said Samuel Chafe, in law or equity, to all property, real, personal or mixed, belonging to the said Samuel Chafe,