

a new execution, or such other process as the nature of the case may require, for such sum of money or tobacco as may remain unsatisfied on his, her or their judgment, in the same manner that he, she or they, might have done if such defendant or defendants had not been arrested on the former writ of execution.

C H A P.  
XLII.

## C H A P. XLIII.

An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state.

Passed De-  
cember 25.

**W**HEREAS Benjamin Rogers, Charles Myers, George Wolf, Benjamin Lane, James Forbes and William Stayton, prisoners confined in the gaol of Baltimore county, Samuel Godman, of Anne-Arundel county, Micajah Mitchell, Thomas Bond, (son of John,) Francis Baker and Daniel Cheston, of Harford county, and John Ruth, of Queen-Anne's county, for debts, by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged from further confinement, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitions being found reasonable, therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any three of the justices of the respective counties aforesaid, be and they are hereby required and directed, upon the petitions of the said Benjamin Rogers, Charles Myers, George Wolf, Benjamin Lane, James Forbes, William Stayton, Samuel Godman, Micajah Mitchell, Thomas Bond, (son of John,) Francis Baker, Daniel Cheston and John Ruth, to grant unto them the like relief as by the laws of this state is provided and enacted for insolvent debtors who are confined for debts not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling.

Justices, on  
petition, to  
grant relief,  
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices aforesaid, or any two of them, upon such petitions being made to them, and without any further notice, except where notice has not already been given, by the said Benjamin Rogers, Charles Myers, George Wolf, Benjamin Lane, James Forbes, William Stayton, Samuel Godman, Micajah Mitchell, Thomas Bond, (son of John,) Francis Baker, Daniel Cheston and John Ruth, for their discharge aforesaid, shall thereupon proceed in all things conformable to the purport, true intent and meaning, of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling, excepting as to the notice, and that their discharge be equally valid and effectual, and the proceedings of the said justices equally good and binding, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

And proceed  
conformable  
to a former  
law, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That where notice has not been already given, the several justices are authorized to proceed upon the application of the petitioners, upon fifteen days notice, in the manner prescribed by the act of seventeen hundred and seventy-four.

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days notice.

V. *And be it enacted,* That any of the said debtors discharged by order of the said justices shall, for ever thereafter, be acquitted and discharged from all debts by him owing or contracted at any time before the time of such discharge; provided that any property thereafter acquired by such debtor by descent, or in his own right, by devise, bequest, or in course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his debts.

Debtors dis-  
charged, for  
ever acquit-  
ed, &c.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That if any creditor of the aforesaid debtors shall, at any time within two years after the said debtors are discharged, shall allege in writing to the justices of the county court, in court sitting, where the said debtor resides, that such debtor hath directly or indirectly sold, lessened, or otherwise disposed of in trust or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, whereby to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby, or to deceive or defraud his creditors, the said court may thereupon examine such debtor on interrogatories, on oath or

On allegati-  
on of a credi-  
tor, court may  
examine debt-  
or, &c.