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menced within six months after the fact committed, and the defendant in any suit may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any suit shall be brought after the time limited, then the jury shall find for the defendant, and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or upon demurrer judgment shall be given, against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant hath for costs of suit in other cases at law.

## C H A P. XLII.

Passed Mar. 2.

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

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS William Traversse, and Michael Krips, prisoners confined in the gaols of Baltimore county, Thomas Manuel, of Cæcil county, Benjamin Elliott, and George Vansant, of Queen-Anne's county, for debts, by their petitions to the legislature, 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 petition being found reasonable; therefore,

Justices to  
grant relief,  
&c.

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 William Traversse, Michael Krips, Thomas Manuel, Benjamin Elliott, and George Vansant, 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.

And proceed  
conformably  
to a former  
act, &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, by the said William Traversse, Michael Krips, Thomas Manuel, Benjamin Elliott, and George Vansant, 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.

## C H A P. XLIII.

Passed Mar. 8.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the destroying of wolves in Washington and Frederick counties.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS by the act to encourage the destroying of wolves, passed at April session seventeen hundred and eighty-three, it was enacted, that every person or persons producing a certificate for the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, given and obtained according to the directions of the said act, to the justices of the counties aforesaid wherein the said wolf or wolves were killed, at the levy court, should, for every old wolf's head, be allowed six pounds current money, and for every young wolf's head, be allowed three pounds current money: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that the premiums aforesaid are particularly oppressive to the inhabitants of Washington and Frederick counties, and that if more moderate premiums were given to persons