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CHAPTER 130.

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A Further Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors.

Not necessary to produce evidence of imprisonment.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be necessary for any person who may apply for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, to produce before the county court, or any judge thereof, or any judge of the orphans court, or commissioners of insolvent debtors, where such applicant resides, any evidence of his confinement in jail; but the said court, judge, or commissioners, as the case may be, shall proceed in all respects, as if such evidence had been produced.

Personal discharge may be granted.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the county court, or any judge thereof, or any judge of the orphans court, or commissioners of insolvent debtors, to whom application may hereafter be made by any person, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, such applicant having complied with the provisions of the insolvent laws of this state, in every particular, except producing evidence of his confinement in jail, to grant to such applicant in writing, a personal discharge from arrest on any civil process until the return day of such applicant's insolvent papers.

In certain cases officer to proceed as if this act had not passed.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of every sheriff, constable, or other officer of this state, upon the arrest of any defendant on a *capias ad respondendum*, *capias ad satisfaciendum*, or any other civil process, and the said defendant being unable or refusing to satisfy the claim on which said process was issued, to produce the body of said defendant before the county court, or some judge thereof, or some judge of the orphans court, or commissioners of insolvent debtors, of the county, where the said defendant resides, and then and there tender to said defendant an opportunity to comply with the provisions of the insolvent laws of this state, except producing evidence of his confinement in jail, and upon the said defendant being unable, or refusing to comply with the provisions of the insolvent laws as aforesaid, and not otherwise, the said sheriff, constable, or other officer, shall be authorised to proceed with said defendant as if this act had never passed.