

vided, that nothing in this section shall apply so as to set aside or render invalid the lien of any such judgments, mortgage or other conveyance executed by the debtor for money *bona fide* loaned or paid at the time of the creation of such judgments, mortgage or conveyance, but such shall remain a valid and subsisting lien, although the debtor may be proceeded against under or may apply for the benefit of this article.

Brown v. Smark, 69 Md., 320. *Hinkelman v. Fey*, 79 Md., 114. *Pfaff v. Prag*, 79 Md., 371. *Willison v. Frostburg Bank*, 80 Md., 211. *Nicholson v. Schmucker*, 81 Md., 464. *Vogler v. Rosenthal*, 85 Md., 45.

1896, ch. 184.

15. Whenever any person or body corporate shall make an assignment for the benefit of his, her or its creditors, or shall be adjudicated insolvent upon his, her or its petition, or upon the petition of any creditor or creditors, or shall have his, her or its property or estate taken possession of by a receiver under a decree of a court of equity, in the distribution of the property or estate of such person or body corporate, all the money due and owing from such person or body corporate for wages or salaries to clerks, servants, salesmen or employees contracted not more than three months anterior to the execution of such assignment, adjudication of insolvency, or appointment of receiver, shall first be paid in full out of such property or estate, after payment of the proper and legitimate cost, expenses, taxes and commissions, and shall be preferred to all claims against the property and estate of such insolvent person or body corporate, except the lien claims of such persons as shall hold liens upon such property or estate, recorded at least three months prior to such assignment, adjudication or decree.

Ellicott Machine Co. v. Speed, 72 Md., 24. *Lewis v. Fisher*, 80 Md., 140. *Casualty Ins. Co.'s Case*, 82 Md., 587-8. *Roberts v. Edie*, 85 Md., 193. *Hess v. Jewell*, 85 Md., 236. *Parlett v. Dugan*, 85 Md., 410.

1894, ch. 93.

18. The clerks of the circuit courts may receive the petitions under this article, and appoint the preliminary trustee mentioned in this article, and approve his bond, as well as the bond of the permanent trustee; take acknowledgments to the deeds to the preliminary and permanent trustees, and fix the day or days for