

the insolvent to appear and answer interrogatories or allegations, and order notices to be given to the creditors under such rules as the circuit court may prescribe, and shall receive as compensation one dollar; provided, that no clerk shall in any case appoint the preliminary trustee of any applicant for the benefit of the insolvent law, against whom there is pending at the time of his application, a petition or petitions filed by his creditors under the 23d section of this article, but shall submit every such application, together with all such petitions then pending against such applicant, to one of the judges of the said courts for this action.

1896, ch. 446.

22. Any person who shall depart from or remain absent from this State with intent to hinder, delay or defraud his creditors, or conceal himself to avoid service upon him in any action for the recovery of a debt; and any person who conceals or removes any of his property to prevent the same from being taken under legal process, or makes an assignment, gift, sale, conveyance or transfer of all or part of his estate or property with the intent to delay, hinder or defraud his creditors; or who, when insolvent or in contemplation of insolvency, executes a deed or conveyance giving preferences, creates a lien making any unlawful preferences as therein stated, or otherwise gives such preference; or when insolvent or in contemplation of insolvency, confesses any judgment or allows any judgment to be entered against him by any contrivance, or being a banker, broker, merchant, trader, builder or manufacturer, stops payment of his negotiable paper fraudulently, or suspends payment thereof and fails to resume the same within twenty days; or being a banker or broker shall fail for twenty days to pay any depositor on demand lawfully made, shall be deemed to have committed an act or acts of insolvency, as the case may be; provided, the petition mentioned in the next succeeding section is filed within four months after the act of insolvency is committed.

Willison v. Frostburg Bank, 80 Md. 211. *Vogler v. Rosenthal*, 85 Md. 46. *Gardner v. Gambrill*, 86 Md. 660.

1896, ch. 446.

24. If any deed, conveyance, assignment, gift, transfer or delivery be made of any goods, chattels, money, choses in action,