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ever issued to the said Ninian Beale for the land aforesaid, although there is reason to believe that a grant must have issued from the payments of the quit-rents, and the long, quiet and uninterrupted possession of the same in the said Ninian Beale, and those claiming under him: And whereas the said Sarah Russell Contee, Anne Lee, Eleanor Benson and Margaret Clarke, are apprehensive their title to the said land may be incomplete for want of a patent thereof, and have prayed this general assembly for relief in the premises; which being thought reasonable, therefore,

Chancellor to
inquire, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the *General Assembly of Maryland*, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to inquire into all the circumstances touching or concerning the said tract of land called Beale's Reserve, situate, lying and being in Prince-George's county, and originally taken up, or supposed to be taken up, by a certain Ninian Beale, in or about the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-two, and if, upon examination of all the facts and circumstances relative to said land, it shall appear satisfactory to the chancellor that the said land was taken up by the said Ninian Beale, and that in his opinion the said Ninian Beale was in equity and justice entitled to a grant for the same, and that the said land has been transmitted by regular conveyances to the aforesaid Richard Lee, from whom it has legally descended to the aforesaid Sarah Russell Contee, Anne Lee, Eleanor Benson and Margaret Clarke, that then and in such case the chancellor shall have full power and authority, if he shall deem it necessary, to cause the said land, or any tract or tracts contiguous thereto, to be surveyed by the surveyor of Prince-George's county, who in pursuance of the order of the chancellor shall return a plot of the same, and thereupon the chancellor may direct the register of the land-office for the western shore to issue a patent for the said land to the aforesaid Sarah Russell Contee, Anne Lee, Eleanor Benson and Margaret Clarke, their heirs and assigns, to have and to hold the same as tenants in common, who shall thereupon be considered the legal proprietors of the said land to all intents and purposes whatever; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the right of any person heretofore acquired in or to the said land, and that the patent, if any, to be issued in virtue of this act, shall only be taken and construed to transfer all the right, title and interest of the state, in and to the said land.

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An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

Passed 31st of
Dec. 1801.
Preamble.

WHEREAS Thomas Bond and John Llewellyn Briscoe, of Saint-Mary's county, Ebenezer Perkins, Joshua Vansant and William Brown, of Joseph, of Kent county, Richard Chew, Jonathan Beard and Henry Ridgely, of Henry, of Anne-Arundel county, Benjamin Robinson, junior, Levi Butler, Joseph Boarman, of Raphael, Henry Thompson, Henry Hagan and Townley Yates, of Charles county, Thomas Barney, Andrew Bell, Martin Doyle, John H. Poe, Thomas Royston, John Hooker, John Wade, Robert Parker, Philip Woolrick, Ludwick Switzer, Matthew Chambers, William Greer, William Finn, John Houlton, Robert Courtney, John Cox and John Michael, of Baltimore county, John Erskine, William Corner, Edward Bromwell, junior, Charles M. Bromwell, Thomas Gordon, Timothy L. Price, Joseph Price, Robert Neal, James Millis, William Patton, Amos Chapman and Samuel Swan, of Talbot county, William Bozman, William Rowan and John Bruff, of Somerset county, Peter Medford, Robert Rolle and John M'Laran, of Dorchester county, Joseph Reynolds, Robert Swan, Wilder Bevans, John Walmsley, James P. Ewing, John Ward, John H. Price and James Fulton, of Cæcil county, Joseph Boone, Thomas Boone, Charles Scott and Levin C. Wailes, of Prince-George's county, William Rawlings, Edward James Price and James Ray, of the city of Annapolis, Joseph Massey, Philemon Murphey, Samuel Sylvester, Richard Wilson and Henry Costin, of Queen-Anne's county, Francis Rosse and Levin Parsons, of Worcester county, Jacob Hull, William Sellman, John Ringland, John Marky and Levi Philips, of Frederick county, John Peter Genet, John Ashmead, Isaac M'Nabb, Isaac Montgomery, Archibald Robinson and James Richardson, of Harford county, Peregrine Driver, Joshua Willis, Charles Baker and William Boone, of Caroline county, David C. Hatch, Thomas Reid, John League, George Carnaghan, Robert Dew, junior, John Usher, Robert Jordan, Daniel Robertson, Thomas Ennis, Joseph Usher, William Waddle, Robert Spencer, William Marks, Andrew Estave, Charles Forman, Lott Warfield, Dominick Jordan, Pearle Durkee, Henry Worthington, Henry Troop and Thomas M'Namara, of the city of Baltimore, Samuel Ferguson, Samuel Marshall and John Miller, of Washington county, King English, Robert Beall, of James, Lewis Duvall and Washington Drane, of James, of Montgomery county, Samuel B. Beall and Robert Sinclair, of Allegany county, by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to pay their debts, and have prayed that they may be discharged therefrom, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

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