

Dec. Ses 1821. on of Roswell Noble, of the city of Baltimore, that he is at present confined in the Baltimore county jail for debts which he is unable to pay; That on the twentieth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, he made application to the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state; and that in consequence of such application, a personal discharge was granted to him, and the twenty-ninth day of December, following, was appointed by the said commissioners for him to appear before them to answer interrogatories. That the said Roswell having failed to appear on the said day so appointed, by reason of the accident of the death of his father in a distant state, he became debarred of the privilege of a discharge under the said laws; and it appearing reasonable that the said Roswell should be permitted to prosecute his petition notwithstanding such default—Therefore,

May prosecute a petition.

Proviso.

Shall answer interrogatories.

Commissioners may make order.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Roswell Noble, be, and he is hereby authorised to prosecute a petition for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, notwithstanding his failure to appear on the day heretofore assigned for his appearance upon his former petition filed before the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore; *Provided,* That before the said commissioners shall grant him any benefit of said insolvent laws, they shall be satisfied, that said Noble's failure to appear as aforesaid, on the day appointed for his appearance on his former application, was not owing to an intention to defraud his creditors, and that he delivered up on that application, all the estate to which he thought himself in any way entitled, except what such insolvent laws allowed him to retain; *And provided also,* That said commissioners shall not give a report in his favor to Baltimore county court, unless they be satisfied that at the time of his application under this law, he acts fairly and bona fide, and does not retain any property to which he thinks himself entitled, except as above excepted; *Provided always,* That in every other respect, he comply with the conditions of the said insolvent laws.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, to require the said Noble to answer on oath all interrogatories that his creditors may have filed against him on his former application, as well as all others that said creditors may file against him on his application under this law.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, before whom his petition was originally filed, be, and they are hereby authorised, to make such order in the premises, as they may deem expedient, for the furtherance of the object of this law.

CHAPTER 115.

Passed Feb. 4, 1822. *An act for the benefit of Basil L. Stocker and Ann his wife, William Humes, Levi Stocker and Sarah his wife, and Nancy Humes.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this general assembly by the petition in writing of Basil L. Stocker, and Ann his wife, (formerly Ann Humes,) William Humes, Levi Stocker and Sarah his wife, (formerly Sarah Humes) & Nancy Humes, reputed heirs and representatives of Alexander Anderson, late of Talbot county deceased,

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