

C. H. A. P. XXXIX. would be attended with loss and damage to his creditors, as well foreign as domestic, to require the assent of foreign creditors, or their agents, to his release; and the said representation appearing to the legislature to be true,

Chancellor,  
on application,  
to direct  
notice to be  
given, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That upon the application of the said Nicholas Slubey to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver up all his estate, in possession, reversion or remainder, for the benefit of his creditors, and annexing to the said petition a schedule of his property and debts, the said schedule comprehending distinct and separate lists of all the property and debts belonging to him in his own right, and of all property and debts belonging to his copartnership, and a list of his creditors, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, the chancellor shall direct notice of such application to be given and published in such manner as he shall think expedient, and appoint a certain day for the creditors of the said Slubey to appear in the chancery court to recommend a trustee or trustees on their behalf, and on the appearance of the said creditors, or on their neglect to appear on notice as aforesaid, the chancellor shall administer to the said Nicholas Slubey the following oath: "I, Nicholas Slubey, do swear, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer, to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have or claim any title to, or interest in, at this time, and all debts, rights, claims and credits, which I have, or am any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, as well in my own right as in copartnership with any other person or persons, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money or other property aforesaid, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby;" and in case of the neglect of the said creditors to appear and recommend a trustee or trustees, the chancellor shall appoint such person or persons to be trustee or trustees as he shall think proper.

On executing  
a deed, to be  
discharged,  
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That upon the said Nicholas Slubey executing and acknowledging a deed to the trustee or trustees to be appointed as aforesaid, conveying all his property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts, rights and claims, agreeably to the oath of the said Slubey, and on the delivery of the possession of the said property, and his books, papers, and evidences of debts of every kind, and the said trustee or trustees certifying the same, in writing, to the chancellor, the chancellor shall thereupon order that the said Nicholas Slubey shall be discharged from all debts, contracts, covenants, promises and agreements, due from, or owing or contracted, made or entered into by him, before the date of the said deed, either in copartnership with any person, or by himself; provided, that such discharge shall not operate so as to discharge any other person from any debt; and provided also, that any property which the said Nicholas Slubey shall thereafter acquire by descent, gift, devise, or in course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his debts.

Trustee to apply  
the proceeds,  
&c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the trustee or trustees of the said Nicholas Slubey shall, in the first place, apply the proceeds of the property held in his own right, which shall come to his or their hands, to the satisfaction and discharge of debts due to this state, and the residue, after the discharge of liens heretofore created thereon, amongst his several creditors, in equal proportions to their respective debts; and the interest, share or part of the said Nicholas Slubey in any property or debts, held by or due to him, in copartnership with any other person or persons, shall be applied, in the first place, to the satisfaction and discharge of such copartnership debts.

And give  
bond, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That any trustee or trustees to be appointed in virtue of this act, before he or they shall proceed to act as such, shall give bond, with security to be approved of by the chancellor, for the faithful execution of the trust reposed in him or them, and pursue in all respects the directions of the chancellor in the performance of the said trust, in the same manner as is provided by the