

C H A P. LXXXII. vivors of them, shall be paid out of the property before a distribution is made; and that the said trustees, or the survivor or survivors of them, shall, at the request of the creditors, or any two or more of them, annually give them an account of their proceedings under this act.

S. Zacharie to aid the trustees.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the said Stephen Zacharie shall and he is hereby required to aid and assist the said trustees, or the survivors or survivor of them, in the discharge of the duties of this act.

Creditors may institute suits, &c.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any of the creditors of the said Stephen Zacharie, or of Zacharie, Coopman and company, to institute suits against him or them, and prosecute the same to final judgment, in the same manner as before the passage of this act, any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding, but that the court from whence the process may issue shall and they are hereby directed, on motion, to discharge the said Stephen Zacharie on common bail; and if the said Stephen Zacharie shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process for any debt, damages or costs, contracted, owing, or growing due before the passage of this act, the court before whom such process may be returned shall discharge the said Stephen Zacharie out of custody; provided, that the discharge of the said Stephen Zacharie shall not acquit any other person from such debt, damages or costs, or any part thereof, but such person shall be liable for the same in the same manner as if this act had not passed; and provided also, that the said Stephen Zacharie shall not obtain or have the benefit of this act, unless he shall comply with the provisions contained in the first section of this act, and unless he shall, on or before the first day of February next, enter into bond to the said trustees, in such sum of money, and with such securities, as shall be approved of by the presidents of the respective banks in the city of Baltimore for the time being, or a majority of them, not to depart from this state without the consent or approbation of the said trustees, or a majority of them, in writing, for the space of three years from the passage of this act; which bond shall be lodged in the general court office, and be liable to be sued by the said trustees, or the survivors or survivor of them, for the use of the creditors aforesaid.

After three years benefits, &c. to cease, &c.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the expiration of the said three years, all the privileges, benefits, advantages, releasements and discharges, extended or given to the said Stephen Zacharie, shall cease, and he shall again be answerable to his own creditors, and to the creditors of Zacharie, Coopman and company, in the same manner, and liable to the same process, as if this act had not passed, except that any property he, the said Stephen Zacharie, may acquire, from the passage of this act until the expiration of the said three years, shall not be liable to the creditors, except the property excepted in the second section of this act, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bail to be discharged, &c.

IX. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where the said Stephen Zacharie has given bail to any suit or action, such bail shall immediately, on the said Stephen Zacharie's entering into bond as aforesaid, be discharged, in the same manner as if the said Stephen Zacharie had been surrendered in discharge of his bail.

Releasement declared void, &c.

X. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, any releasement or discharge that shall be made by the said Stephen Zacharie to his own debtors, or to the debtors of the said company, shall be and are hereby declared void.

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Passed January 20.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

An agent appointed.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

II. *And*