

being returned "*nulla bona*," shall allege upon affidavit that said plaintiff or plaintiffs has or have reason to believe that such defendant or defendants has or have concealed his, her, or their property, or in any wise defrauded said creditor or creditors, and shall in such allegation indicate the description and value of the property or the nature of the fraud, and shall file interrogatories to be answered in the county court by said debtor or debtors, then and in that case an issue or issues shall be made and a jury be had thereon at the first term of the county court after the filing of said interrogatories, or at the succeeding term, in the court's discretion; and if, upon such jury trial, a verdict be found against the said debtor or debtors, the said debtor or debtors shall thenceforth be excluded from the benefit of this act.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, that if any person or persons shall be convicted of fraud, under the provisions of this act, the court in which said conviction shall take place, shall sentence the person or persons so convicted, to undergo a confinement in the county jail, of not less than one month, and not more than five years, at the discretion of said court.

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That if any person, either as a creditor or as a witness, shall, in taking of any oath required by this act, swear falsely, the said person shall on conviction thereof be sentenced to suffer the penalty prescribed by law for the crime of perjury.

Which was read.

Mr. Causin moved to lay said bill and amendments on the table, Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Williams as additional sections.

Mr. Orrick moved that the house adjourn,

Resolved in the affirmative.

And the house accordingly adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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#### FOUR o'CLOCK, P.M.

The house met.

The speaker announced the following message as having been received from the senate this morning, viz:—

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act to alter the time for holding the county courts in Harford county;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the divisional line between the first and third election districts in Carroll county—severally endorsed "will pass," and the bills ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to confirm and make valid a deed of conveyance from Daniel Renner to Susannah Jenkins; endorsed "will pass, with the proposed amendment,"

Which amendment was twice read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed;