

C H A P. XLIII. Debtors discharged, for ever acquitted, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any of the said debtors discharged by order of the said justices shall, for ever thereafter, be acquitted and discharged from all debts by him owing or contracted at any time before the time of such discharge; provided that any property thereafter acquired by such debtor by descent, or in his own right of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his debts.

When fraud is alleged, debtor may be examined, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any creditor of the aforesaid debtors shall, at any time within two years after the said debtors are discharged, shall allege in writing to the justices of the county court, in court sitting, where the said debtor resides, that such debtor hath directly or indirectly sold, lessened, or otherwise disposed of in trust, or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, whereby to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby, or to deceive or defraud his creditors, the said court may thereupon examine such debtor on interrogatories, on oath or affirmation, for the discovery of his property, or any concealment thereof, and respecting his conduct touching the same, or the said justices may, in their discretion, direct an issue to be tried in the said court, where the debtor resides, to determine the truth of any allegation made by such creditor, and if such debtor shall be found guilty of any wilful fraud or deceit of his creditors, he shall for ever be precluded from having any benefit of this act; and if any debtor who shall take the oath or affirmation by this act directed, shall, upon indictment, be convict of wilfully, falsely and corruptly, swearing or affirming to any matter or thing in such oath or affirmation contained, such person shall suffer as in case of wilful and corrupt perjury, and likewise be liable to his creditors, and shall have no relief by, or benefit of, this act.

Passed 25th of Dec. 1789.

C H A P. XLIV.

An ACT for the more effectual punishment of criminals. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 182.

This act was to commence on the 1st day of January, 1790, and to continue in force until the 1st day of January, 1791; continued by 1790, ch. 59, (except as to the time of holding the court,) to 1st January, 1792; by 1791, ch. 50, (where not altered,) for one year, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XLV.

An ACT to amend and alter sundry parts of an act (a) of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 193. Repealed by 1791, ch. 59.

(a) November, 1782, ch. 17.

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* 1785, ch. 72.

An additional supplementary act to an act, * entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 195.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, passed at a session of the general assembly of Maryland begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the seventh day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, full power and authority is given to the chancellor to direct the sale of all lands in this state held by minors, residents of this state; and it appearing reasonable and right that lands, lying in this state, belonging to minors, residents of any other state, should be subject to sale, for the payment of the debts due from the deceased person, in the same manner as the lands belonging to citizens of this state;

Chancellor to direct the sale of lands, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor shall have the same power to direct the sale of lands, lying within this state, belonging to minors, residents of any other state, for the payments of debts due from the deceased, as he hath in the case of minors, residents of this state.

Notice to be given, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the petitioner or petitioners to the chancellor for the sale of the lands as aforesaid, to give such notice to the guardian or guardians of minors, nonresidents of this state, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct.

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