

sums of money, which debts he is unable to pay and satisfy, but is willing and desirous to deliver up all his property to trustees, for the benefit of his said creditors, and therefore prayed an act might pass to exempt his person from arrest and imprisonment on account of the said debts; and the said facts being proved to the satisfaction of this general assembly, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Mark Pringle shall be empowered, and he is hereby required, to deliver possession of all his real and personal estate, of what nature or kind soever the same does or may consist, unto Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and to convey, assign and transfer the same unto the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, on or before the first day of March next; and also deliver and assign to the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, all bonds, notes, books, accounts and other vouchers, of any and all sums of money or tobacco due and owing to the said Mark Pringle, either on his separate account, or as surviving partner of the said Matthew Ridley.

M. Pringle to deliver up his estate, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Mark Pringle, at the time of delivering possession of the said real and personal estate to the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, shall also make a schedule of the same, and deliver to the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and make oath at the foot thereof, that the said schedule contains a true account of all the real and personal property, and debts due and owing to him, or held by any other person in trust to his own separate use, or as surviving partner of the said Matthew Ridley, and thereupon and thenceforth the said Mark Pringle shall be and he is hereby acquitted, exonerated and discharged, of and from all claims and demands now due and owing from him, either on his separate account, or as surviving partner of the said Matthew Ridley; provided always, that any property hereafter acquired by the said Mark Pringle, by gift, devise, bequest, or in a course of distribution, shall be liable to his creditors.

And make a schedule, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon assignment of the said real and personal property and debts aforesaid to the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, they, the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and the survivors and survivor of them, shall be and are hereby vested with the absolute estate and property of, and in the same, in trust, for the benefit of the creditors of the said Mark Pringle, to be applied and disposed of to the payment and satisfaction of the said creditors in manner herein after directed; and the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and the survivors or survivor of them, shall have full power and authority to sell, convey and dispose of, the said property, or any part thereof, and to collect and receive the said debts due and owing to the said Mark Pringle in his separate capacity, or as surviving partner of the said Matthew Ridley, or if need be, to bring any suit or suits at law or equity in their own name, or the name of the survivors or survivor of them, for the recovery of the said debts, or any of them.

On assignment, property vested in trustees, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and the survivors or survivor of them, shall be empowered to retain a commission of five per centum for their trouble on all such property received or recovered by them, and after paying all necessary expences in the execution of such trust, shall pay and apply the balance thereof to the satisfaction of the creditors of the said Mark Pringle, in the following manner; that is to say, that the said trustees, and the survivors and survivor of them, shall, from time to time, divide and pay all the said balance of the property of the said Mark Pringle, as surviving partner of the said Matthew Ridley, which shall come to their hands, or to the hands of either of them, among the creditors of the said Ridley and Pringle, in equal proportion, according to the value of their claims respectively; and all the said balance of the property of the said Mark Pringle, in his separate capacity, which shall come to their hands, or to the hands of either of them, shall, from time to time, divide and pay to the separate creditors of the said Mark Pringle, in equal proportion according to the value of their said respective claims; and the surplus of such separate property of the said Mark Pringle, after the payment of his separate creditors, to be applied and paid to the creditors of Ridley and Pringle in manner herein before mentioned.

Who may retain a commission, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said trustees, before they proceed to the execution of the said trust, shall give bond with good security, such as the chancellor shall approve, to the state, for the use of the creditors of the said Mark Pringle in his separate capacity, and as surviving partner of Matthew Ridley, in the penalty of ten thousand pounds current money, with condition, to be void if the said Samuel Sterett, Archibald Campbell and Archibald Moncrieff, and the said survi-

Trustees to give bond, &c.