

there to remain until discharged by due course of law; and provided always, that if any creditor of any petitioning debtor in any of the gaols on the eastern shore shall require security of the petitioner, that the judge or justice aforesaid shall not release any petitioner, until he or they shall give such security as the judge or justice shall require for his appearance before the chancellor within three months from the date of his discharge as aforesaid.

C H A P. LXVII.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the chancellor may, by order, limit and appoint the time for creditors to bring in and declare their claims, and may examine such creditors, and also the debtor, on oath or affirmation, concerning the same, and, on any contested claim, may, if he thinks proper, order the same, or any fact concerning the same, to be tried on an issue framed for that purpose, and may order any part of the petitioning debtor's estate to be set apart and retained for the eventual satisfaction of any contested claim, or to be brought again into distribution; and if any creditor, to whom a real debt is due, shall collude with the debtor to gain an undue preference in the satisfaction of his debt, or for concealment of any part of the debtor's estate or effects, or shall contrive or concert any acknowledgment of the debtor, by parole, or in writing, or any kind of security, to give false colour to his claim for more than is *bonâ fide* due, such creditor shall lose his debt truly due, and shall be totally excluded in the distribution.

Chancellor may limit the time, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said debtors, or any of them, shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process sued out on any judgment or decree obtained against them, or any of them, for any debt, damages or costs, contracted, owing or growing due, before the passing of this act, the court, out of which such process issued, shall and may discharge such debtor on motion; and if the said debtors, or any of them, shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process for the recovery of any debt, damages or costs, contracted, owing or growing due, before the passing of this act, the court, before whom such process shall be returned, shall and may discharge such debtor or debtors out of custody on his common appearance being returned, without any special bail; provided, that the discharge of such debtor or debtors shall not acquit any other person from such debt, damages or costs, or any part thereof, but that all such persons shall be answerable for the same in such manner as they were before the passing this act.

Debtors arrested may be discharged, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all proceedings in chancery under this act shall be recorded by the register, who shall be entitled to the same fees as are fixed by law for services in other cases.

Proceedings to be recorded,

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all appointments of trustees under this act by the chancellor, in the room of any person before appointed, the chancellor shall consult the creditors, and govern himself by the choice of a majority of them in value, unless upon notice being given by public advertisement, or in such other manner as he shall think reasonable, the said creditors shall neglect to make such choice.

Creditors to be consulted, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That none of the said debtors, who do not make application as aforesaid on or before the first day of March next, shall have any benefit of this act.

Time limited.

C H A P. LXVIII.

An additional supplement to an act, \* entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 659.

Passed 22d of Dec. 1792. \* 1790, ch. 33.

This act was to continue as long as the original act, and was repealed with it by 1796, ch. 43.

C H A P. LXIX.

A Supplement to the act \* for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erecting of lamps, in Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 659.

\* 1784, ch. 69.

WHEREAS the funds heretofore appropriated for the regulating of a night watch, and the erecting of lamps, in Baltimore-town, have been found inadequate for the same,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the criminal court of Baltimore county, or a majority of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and directed to appoint one or more persons to take an account and enumerate all dwelling-houses, storehouses and warehouses, in the said town, noting the names of the dwellers and occupiers thereof, and the stories of each house aforesaid; and when the same is returned to them, that they shall and they are hereby

Justices to appoint persons to take an account, &c.