

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall be sued for killing any swine or geese going at large in the towns of Upper-Marlbrough or Nottingham aforesaid, such person may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.

C H A P.
LXIII.
General Issue
Pleadable, &c.

C H A P. LXIV.

An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors. Lib. JG.
No. 3. fol. 128.

Passed 10th of
Jan. 1799.

A Supplement ch. 102.

WHEREAS Henry Crift, of the city of Annapolis, Francis Valderniere, of Montgomery county, Jacob Madairy, of Baltimore county, Thomas Walters, of Dorchester county, John Ditzbaugh, of the city of Baltimore, John R. Bryce, of the city of Annapolis, Benjamin Cawood, Cleon Clements, Jacob Clements, George C. Smoot, Edward Pye, William Thompson, James A. Corry, John Hepburn, James Brown, Thomas Marshall and John F. Beall, of Charles county, William Moore, Adam Brietenoder, William Davis, Edmund Cuffis, Lewis Hart and Jacob Kuhn, of Baltimore county, Elijah Robison Sinners, William Jordan, John Wolfenden, John Gannier, John Curson Seton, William Thompson, Robert Thompson, Peter Gartz, George Simpson, Hugh Hales, Robert Hales, William Scott, William Dwyer, Daniel Victory, James Buchanan, Charles Young, William Russell, Benjamin Marshall and Robert Mickle, of the city of Baltimore, Nathan G. Bryson, James Roney, Samuel Poor, Ebenezer Handy and Denwood Turpin, of Somerset county, Barnett Johnson, of Thomas, Barnett Johnson, of Thomas, Harry Gough, Benjamin Preston, John Lee Gibson and William M'Comas, of Harford county, John Savin, John Makin, Henry Rose, Jehu John, David Churchman and Thomas Churchman, of Cecil county, James Greenleaf, Enos Duvall Ferguson, John M'Kiver, Josias Ferguson, Stewart Williams, Frederick Kooner, Middleton Belt, William Lovering, William Prentiss and John Tilley, of Prince-George's county, Isaac Kent, of Allegany county, Richard Rochester and Emory Sudler, of Queen-Anne's county, John Rigby, Alexander S. Peter, Thomas Barclay, William Needham, Lloyd Beall, John Beck, Thomas Gerard Slye and Alexander Bailey, of Montgomery county, William Cooper Bithray, of the city of Annapolis, Nicholas Lynch, Alexander Lock, of Washington county, Nicholas Hauer, senior, William J. Turner and John Riley, of Frederick county, John M'Coy and Joshua Groves, of Anne-Arundel county, Benjamin M. Ward and Jacob Fowle, of Talbot county, Thomas Harwood, of Calvert county, Thomas Mullin, of Kent county, Nathan Breerwood and Joshua Breerwood, of Dorchester county, by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed, that they may be discharged, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of either of the said debtors to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal or mixed, to which he is any way entitled, a schedule whereof, (on oath, or affirmation, as the case may require,) together with a list of the creditors of the person so applying, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or to as many of them as can be served therewith, or their agents or attornies, or direct notice of such application to be inserted in the public news-papers for such time as he may think proper, which, in case of there being a creditor or creditors beyond sea, shall not be less than six months, and on their appearance, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and place appointed, the chancellor shall administer to the petitioning debtor the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may require: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer, to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have, or claim any title to or interest in, at this time, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am any way entitled to, in possession, remainder, reversion, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time, sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money, or other property, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage, thereby;" and the chancellor shall thereupon name such person as a majority of the creditors in value, their agents or attornies, then present, shall recommend, to be a trustee for the benefit of the creditors of the petitioning debtor, or in case of the non-attendance of the creditors, or of their not making a recommendation, the chancellor shall name such person as he shall think proper, to be a trustee as aforesaid.

Chancellor, on
application, to
direct notice,
&c.