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this state a just and true account of all fees placed in his hands for collection, and shall also well and truly pay all sums of money received by him, and also pay and satisfy all public dues, fines and forfeitures, which are due or belonging to this state, and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sum or sums of money, tobacco, goods, chattels or property, by him levied, seized or taken, agreeably to the directions of the writ, process or warrant, under which the same shall have been levied, seized or taken, and shall also pay and satisfy all judgments which may have been rendered against him as sheriff of the said county, and shall and will in all things satisfy, save harmless and indemnify, all and all manner of person or persons who shall have been, or may be, aggrieved, affected or damaged, by any act, omission, misfeasance or neglect, done, suffered or committed, by him the said John Thomas, in virtue or under colour of his said office, during the preceding year of his shrievalty, then the said bond to be void and of no effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue; and the said justices shall attest and certify the execution of the said bond, and deposit the same in the office of the clerk of the said county, to be attested and recorded among the records thereof; and any person or persons aggrieved by any act, omission, misfeasance or neglect, of the said John Thomas, done, suffered or committed, by him, under colour of his said office during the year ensuing the period herein before mentioned, shall have remedy by suit prosecuted on the said bond, in like manner, and to the like effect, as such person or persons should, could, or might have had, upon his shrievalty bond, if the same had been executed by the said John Thomas, as required by the constitution and laws of this state; and an official copy of the said bond, under the hand of the clerk and the seal of his office, shall be received in evidence in any court of this state, in like manner, and to the like effect, as if the original were produced and proved according to law.

To receive no
benefit, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said John Thomas shall receive no benefit or advantage of any part of this act, until he shall have entered into bond, with approved securities, before the said justices, as required by the provisions thereof.

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Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

An ACT for the relief of Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 268.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington, that by a variety of losses and misfortunes in trade, as a co-partner of the firm of Lear and company, he is rendered unable wholly to satisfy the debts for which the said co-partnership are answerable, and that the most of their creditors live in Great-Britain, and that it will be impracticable for him to obtain the assent to his discharge of two thirds in amount of all the creditors of the said Lear and company: And whereas the said Tristram Dalton has prayed a special act may pass in his favour; therefore,

On application,
notice to be
given, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That upon the application of the said Tristram Dalton to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver up all his estate in possession, reversion or remainder, for the benefit of his creditors, and the creditors of the said Lear and company, and annexing to the said petition a schedule of his property and debts, the said schedule comprehending distinct and separate lists of the property and debts belonging to him in his own right, and also in right of his being a partner in the said firm of Lear and company, and a list of his creditors, as well as the creditors of the said Lear and company, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, the chancellor shall direct notice of such application to be given and published in such manner as he shall think expedient, and appoint a certain day for the creditors of the said Tristram Dalton to appear in chancery, and to recommend a trustee or trustees on their behalf; and on the appearance of the said creditors, or on their neglect to appear on notice as aforesaid, the chancellor shall administer to the said Tristram Dalton the following oath, to wit: "I, Tristram Dalton, do swear, 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, claims and credits, which I have or am in any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, as well severally as jointly with any other person or persons, 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 aforesaid, 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 in case of the neglect of the said creditors to appear and recommend a trustee or trustees, the chancellor shall appoint such person or persons to be trustee or trustees as he shall think proper.

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