

the said *Christopher Gardiner*,) was the Place of Residence of the said *Christopher Gardiner*, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Ten Days, all his Real and Personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, or in Trust, or in, or unto which, he hath any Claim or Interest whatsoever : And do likewise, by the Day before-mention'd, convey, assign, transfer, and make over unto the said Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, for the Use of his said Creditors, all such his Estate, Interest, or Claim, as aforesaid ; after such Manner as by the said Sheriff, and the major Part of the said Creditors, or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein, or their Council, learned in the Law, shall reasonably devise or require ; at the Cost and Charges of such Persons as shall claim the Benefit thereof ; so as the said *Christopher Gardiner* be not burthened with any Warranties thereby, other than from himself, or those that claim by, from, or under him. And that the said *Christopher Gardiner*, at the Time of such his Surrender, and Transferring his Estate as aforesaid, shall take his solemn Oath before the said Two Justices of the County aforesaid, to be summoned as aforesaid, to the Effect following, *viz.*

**I** A. B. Do solemnly swear, that the Goods, Debts, and Effects, which I have deliver'd, assign'd, and made over to the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, and in Trust for the Use of my Creditors, is the whole Estate, both Real and Personal of my own in Possession, or ~~which~~ have any Title to in the World. And that I have not any Estate, Goods, or Effects, of any kind whatsoever, left ; either in Possession, Reversion or Remainder, (the necessary Wearing Apparel for my self, Wife, and Children, excepted.) And that I have not, directly or indirectly, Sold, Leased, or otherwise conveyed, disposed of, or entrusted, all or any Part of my Estate thereby to secure the same, to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof.

So help me G O D.

IT shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, after the End of the said Twenty Days, And the said Sheriff is hereby required, to discharge the said *Christopher Gardiner* out of his Custody, and to suffer him to go at Large.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That upon the said *Christopher Gardiner*, his complying with what is required of him by this Act ; that he, the said *Christopher Gardiner*, and his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators ; shall be (by Virtue of this Act) acquitted, exonerated, released, and discharged, of and from all manner of Debts, Duties, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, that have been severally contracted by him, or have arose due or become demandable from him, at any Time before the Sitting of this present General Assembly. And that in Case the said *Christopher Gardiner* shall, after his Compliance and Discharge as aforesaid, be Arrested or Sued for any such his Debts, or Duties as aforesaid ; or that the said Sheriff shall be Sued for any Matter or Thing required of him to be done by this Act ; that then the said *Christopher Gardiner*, or the said Sheriff, or either of them, whom it may concern, may enter a Common Appearance or Appearances, without Special Bail, to any such Action or Actions as shall be brought against them, or either of them, and plead thereto the General Issue ; and give this Act, or the Exemplification thereof with the special Matter thereon arising, in Evidence. And that in Case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, commencing and bringing such Action or Actions