

have, saving to the state of Maryland, and all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several and respective rights. C H A P. XXIV, XXV.

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An ACT for the relief of Martin Bulger, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county-gaol.

**W**HEREAS Martin Bulger, by his petition to this general Preamble. assembly hath set forth, that he has continued a prisoner for debt in Baltimore county gaol for a considerable time past, and still continues in the like deplorable situation, not being able to redeem his body with all the estate or interest he hath in the world, which he would readily surrender up and part with to his creditors, if they would accept the same, and grant the petitioner his liberty; and as the allegations of the said Martin Bulger appear to this general assembly to be true, and that his lying in gaol can be of no advantage to his creditors, it is humbly prayed, that the said Martin Bulger may be relieved according to his petition aforesaid: Therefore,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case the said Martin Bulger shall deliver up and surrender to the sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, in presence of two justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, whom the said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to summon at the request of the said prisoner, all his real and personal estate, either in possession, reversion, remainder, or in trust, or in or unto which he hath any claim or interest, and likewise convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the said sheriff, for the use of the said creditors, all such his estate, interest, or claim, as aforesaid, after such manner as by the said sheriff, and by the major part of such creditors, or such of them as shall think fit to attend, shall reasonably devise or require, at the costs and charges of the person or persons who shall claim benefit thereof, so that the said Martin Bulger be not burthened with any warranty thereby, other than against himself, or those claiming by, from, or under him; and that the said prisoner, at the time of such surrender and transferring his estate as aforesaid, shall take an oath before the said two justices to the following effect, viz. "I, Martin Bulger, do swear, that the goods, debts, and effects, which I have delivered, assigned, and made over, to the sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, in trust, for the use of my creditors, are the whole estate, both real and personal, of my own in possession, or that I 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 of myself, wife and children, and working tools, excepted); and that I have not, directly or indirectly, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or disposed of, all or any part of my estate, thereby to defraud my creditors, or to secure the same, to receive or expect any profit or advantage therefrom;" it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff of the county aforesaid to discharge the said Martin Bulger, and suffer him to go at large. M. Bulger relieved, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That if the said Martin Bulger shall be arrested or imprisoned, on any process sued out on any judgment or decree If arrested to be discharged, &c.