

said Richard Richards creditors, their executors, administrators, or assigns, to take out new execution or executions, without any *scire facias* previous thereto, against the lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, goods and chattels, of the said Richard Richards (except the wearing apparel, bedding, and working tools, of the said Richard Richards, not exceeding five pounds current money) for the satisfaction of his, her, or their debts, in such sort, manner, and form, as he, she, or they, might have done, if the said Richard Richards had not been taken in execution, or discharged by virtue of this act.

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V. **Provided nevertheless,** That in case the said Richard Richards shall, at any time after making his oath as aforesaid, be convict of wilful and corrupt perjury thereon, or of a wilful breach or non-compliance with the tenor of such oath as aforesaid, that then the said prisoner shall, upon such conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any benefit intended to him by this act, and shall from thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any debt or demands whatsoever, in the same manner as if this act had never been made, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding. ^{Proviso.}

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An ACT in favour of Legh Master.

WHEREAS Legh Master, an inhabitant of the state of Maryland, did, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, leave the state and go to Great-Britain, to take care of his property there; and finding that, on his return back, he could make a profitable voyage to Providence in the West-Indies, and from thence here, he purchased a vessel, loaded her, and sailed for the said island, and having there disposed of the said cargo, afterwards purchased another, and intended immediately to sail for Maryland; but in the mean time an act of the British parliament arrived, which prohibited all commerce with America, and he was obliged to unload his said vessel and store his said cargo; that the said Legh Master remained in the said island until the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, where he continued, as far as an individual, unhappily circumstanced as he was, with very considerable and valuable property in both countries, to render incessant services to the citizens of America; that, anxious to return to this state, he made use of his own vessel, and obtained leave to bring, at his own expence, a number of citizens to this state, who had been prisoners at the said island; that having accepted of a flag without fee or reward, and without intent or design of electing to become a British subject, he arrived here in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty; and that, although he was obliged, from the nature of his engagement, to return to the island of Providence, he has produced testimonials of his declarations and intentions, whilst then in the country, of availing himself of the terms proffered by the act to seize, confiscate, and appropriate, all British property within this state, by returning and taking the oath, as by the said act is required; that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, he left this state with the said flag, and, on his return to Providence, was captured by a British armed vessel, and carried to New-York, and was from thence discharged, and sailing afterwards with

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