

An A C T for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors confined in gaols in this state.

Preamble.

WH E R E A S Samuel M'Clauster Denny, Nathan Bush, and Louis Dalzincourt, prisoners confined in the gaol of Baltimore county for debt; and Andrew Welth, Jacob Nutie, Peter Cline, Abraham Slagle, George Dagan, and John Burges, confined in the gaol of Frederick county for debt; and Cartwright Hammet, confined in Saint Mary's county gaol for debt; by their petitions to the legislature 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 from further confinement; and the prayer of said petitions being found reasonable:

Justices to
grant relief,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Baltimore, Frederick, and Saint Mary's counties, be and are hereby authorized and required, upon the petitions of the said Samuel M'Clauster Denny, Nathan Bush, and Louis Dalzincourt, and Andrew Welth, Jacob Nurse, Peter Cline, Abraham Slagle, George Dagan, John Burges, and Cartwright Hammet, to grant unto them the like relief as by the laws of this state are provided and enacted for insolvent debtors, who are confined for debt not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling.

To proceed
conformable
to the act for
the relief of in-
solvent debt-
ors, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the justices aforesaid, or any three of them, upon such petitions being made to them, and without any further notice, by the said Samuel M'Clauster Denny, Nathan Bush, Louis Dalzincourt, Andrew Welth, Jacob Nurse, Peter Cline, Abraham Slagle, George Dagan, John Burges, and Cartwright Hammet, for their discharge aforesaid, shall thereupon proceed in all things conformable to the purport, true intent and meaning of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors, not exceeding two hundred pounds sterling, that their discharge be equally valid and effectual, and their proceedings equally good and binding, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Sheriff to re-
ceive fees, &c.

IV. *And,* Whereas from the number of insolvent debtors who may be unable to pay their gaol fees, the same has become very oppressive to the several sheriffs, who now lose the same; for remedy whereof, *Be it enacted,* That in all cases where persons are discharged under the insolvent laws, that it shall and may be lawful for the sheriffs aforesaid to receive their fees out of the property of such insolvent debtors.

An A C T for an addition to George-town, in Montgomery county.

Preamble.

WH E R E A S Thomas Beall, son of George, of Montgomery county, by his humble petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he is seised and possessed of part of a tract of land, called and known by the name of The Rock of Dumbarton,