

VII. *And be it enacted*, That if any creditor of the aforesaid Mark Pringle shall, at any time within two years after the said Mark Pringle is released, allege in writing, to the justices of Baltimore county court, in court sitting, that the said Mark Pringle hath, directly or indirectly, sold, lessened, or otherwise disposed of in trust or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, whereby to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby, or to deceive or defraud his creditors, the said court may thereupon examine the said Mark Pringle on interrogatories, on oath or affirmation, for the discovery of his property, or any concealment thereof, and respecting his conduct touching the same, or the said justices may, in their discretion, direct an issue to be tried in their court to determine the truth of any allegation made by such creditor, and if the said Mark Pringle shall be found guilty of any wilful defraud or deceit of his creditors, he shall for ever be precluded from any benefit of this act; and if the said Mark Pringle shall, upon indictment, be convict of wilfully, falsely and corruptly, swearing to any matter or thing in his oath aforesaid contained, he shall suffer as in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury, and be liable to his creditors, and have no relief or benefit by this act.

C H A P
XXXIX.
If creditors
allege fraud,
court may ex-
amine, &c.

C H A P. XL.

A further additional supplementary act to the act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes.

Passed De-
cember 22.

WHEREAS the laws heretofore made for the appointment of the commissioners named in the said act, have been defective, owing to a want of power to fill up vacancies which have happened by death and removal out of the said county,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Henry Pratt, Robert Walters, Solomon Clayton, Philip Feddiman and Thomas Caradine, shall be commissioners for the purposes of contracting for materials, and agreeing with workmen to build, complete and finish, the said court-house and gaol; and that they, or a majority of them, shall have all the power and authority vested in the commissioners named in the said original act, or any other laws in existence and force, unexecuted by them.

Commission-
ers appointed,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That as often as any of the said commissioners shall die, remove out of the county, resign or refuse to act, or become incapable of acting, the surviving commissioner or commissioners, then remaining in the said county, is and are hereby authorized and required to elect, nominate and choose, one of the inhabitants of said county to fill up such vacancy, and so to fill up all vacancies which shall happen, until the said court-house and gaol shall be completely finished agreeably to the said original act.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled.

C H A P. XLI.

An ACT respecting the creditors and debtors of this state.

Passed De-
cember 22.
Preamble.

WHEREAS the provision for the debts of the respective states, by the congress of the United States, renders it essential to the interest of this state that its creditors should subscribe to the loan proposed by congress, upon receiving a full compensation from the state for any injury which they might sustain thereby,

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it be proposed to the creditors of this state to subscribe to the loan proposed by the congress of the United States by an act of the said congress, entitled, An act making provision for the debt of the United States; and the faith of this state is hereby pledged to receive from the creditors who shall subscribe to the said loan, all certificates bearing an interest of three *per cent.* and all certificates bearing an interest of six *per cent.* after the year eighteen hundred, which the said creditors shall become entitled to by such subscription, and in exchange therefor there shall be paid, by the trustee appointed by this act, to the said respective creditors, a compensation in

Proposed to
creditors to
subscribe, &c.