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where such person or persons shall reside, a copy of the county charge on the property of such person or persons in said county, and the said collector, on the receipt thereof, shall collect the same in the same manner that the county charges of his county are collected, and pay the same, on demand made of him in the county where he resides, to the collector of Allegany county, or his order, on or before the first day of August annually.

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An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

Passed De-
cember 22.

Preamble.

WHEREAS James Glanville, Gideon Clarke, Josiah Riley and Joel Willis, of Kent county; William Leigh and Edward Ware Boswell, of Charles county; George Robertson, Stephen Christopher, of Somerset county; John Waggaman Footman, William Keene, junior, and Edward Smith, of Dorchester county; Elisha Christopher, of Worcester county; Moses Patterfon, of Cecil county; John Burges, Joshua Dorsey, of Henry, William Worthington, of Anne-Arundel county; John Weems Lewis, George Swingle, senior, Francis Curtis, Charles Franklin, James Burn, Daniel Carroll, Windel Kellar and John M'Curdy, of Baltimore county; Zachariah Owens, of Prince-George's county; John Woodburn, Thomas Rigby Smith, Charles Taylor, senior, James Preston, William Prigg, of Harford county; Joseph Haslet, John Carmon, James Errickson, junior, of Queen-Anne's county; John Dorsey, of John, Joseph Wood, Benjamin Musgrove, Thomas Schley, Samuel Cleland and George Adams, of Frederick county; William Stephen Compton, of Washington county; Barton Baker, Edward Wheeler and Edmund Wayman, of Montgomery county; by their petitions to this general assembly, 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, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

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II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on application of either of the said debtors to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal or mixed, to which he is any way entitled, a schedule whereof, on oath or affirmation, as the case may require, together with a list of the creditors of the person so applying, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall, in his discretion, either direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or so many of them as can be served therewith, or their agents or attornies, or direct notice of such application to be inserted in the public news-papers for such time as he shall think proper, which, in case of their being a creditor or creditors beyond sea, shall not be less than six months, and on their appearance, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and place appointed, the chancellor shall administer to the petitioning debtor the following oath or affirmation, as the case may require: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will deliver up, convey and transfer, to my creditors, in such manner as the chancellor shall direct, all my property that I have, or claim any title to or interest in at this time, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am in any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted any part of my money, or other property, debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby;" and the chancellor shall thereupon name such person as a majority of the creditors in value, their agents or attornies, then present, shall recommend, to be a trustee for the benefit of the creditors of the petitioning debtor; or in case of the non-attendance of the creditors, or of their not making a recommendation, the chancellor shall name such person as he shall think proper, to be a trustee as aforesaid.

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