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of the said bond, and deposit the same in the office of the clerk of the said county, to be affixed and recorded among the records thereof; and any person or persons aggrieved by any act, omission, misfeasance or neglect, of the said John Thomas, done, suffered or committed, by him, under colour of his said office during the year ensuing the period herein before mentioned, shall have remedy by suit prosecuted on the said bond, in like manner, and to the like effect, as such person or persons should, could, or might have had, upon his shrievalty bond, if the same had been executed by the said John Thomas as required by the constitution and laws of this state; and an official copy of the said bond, under the hand of the clerk and the seal of his office, shall be received in evidence in any court of this state, in like manner, and to the like effect, as if the original were produced and proved according to law.

To receive no  
benefit, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said John Thomas shall receive no benefit or advantage of any part of this act, until he shall have entered into bond, with approved securities, before the said justices, as required by the provisions thereof.

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Passed 3d of  
Jan. 1800.

## An ACT for the relief of Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington, that by a variety of losses and misfortunes in trade, as a co-partner of the firm of Lear and company, he is rendered unable wholly to satisfy the debts for which the said co-partnership are answerable, and that the most of their creditors live in Great-Britain, and that it will be impracticable for him to obtain the assent to his discharge of two thirds in amount of all the creditors of the said Lear and company: And whereas the said Tristram Dalton has prayed a special act may pass in his favour; therefore,

On application,  
notice to be  
given, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That upon the application of the said Tristram Dalton to the chancellor, by petition in writing, offering to deliver up all his estate in possession, reversion or remainder, for the benefit of his creditors, and the creditors of the said Lear and company, and annexing to the said petition a schedule of his property and debts, the said schedule comprehending distinct and separate lists of the property and debts belonging to him in his own right, and also in right of his being a partner in the said firm of Lear and company, and a list of his creditors, as well as the creditors of the said Lear and company, so far as he can ascertain the same, on oath, the chancellor shall direct notice of such application to be given and published in such manner as he shall think expedient, and appoint a certain day for the creditors of the said Tristram Dalton to appear in chancery, and to recommend a trustee or trustees on their behalf; and on the appearance of the said creditors, or on their neglect to appear on notice as aforesaid, the chancellor shall administer to the said Tristram Dalton the following oath, to wit: "I, Tristram Dalton, do swear, 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, claims and credits, which I have or am in any way entitled to, in possession, reversion or remainder, as well severally as jointly with any other person or persons, 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 aforesaid, 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 in case of the neglect of the said creditors to appear and recommend a trustee or trustees, the chancellor shall appoint such person or persons to be trustee or trustees as he shall think proper.

On giving a  
deed to be dis-  
charged, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon the said Tristram Dalton executing and acknowledging a deed to the trustee or trustees to be appointed as aforesaid, conveying all his property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts, rights and claims, agreeably to the oath of the said Tristram Dalton, and on the delivery of the possession of the said property, and all books, papers, and evidences of every kind, relating to the said property, and the trustee or trustees certifying the same in writing to the chancellor, the chancellor shall thereupon order that the said Tristram Dalton shall be discharged from all debts, contracts, covenants, promises and agreements, due from, or owing or contracted, made or entered into by him, before the date of the said deed, either in co-partnership with any person or persons or by himself; provided that such discharge shall not operate so as to discharge any other person from any debt; and provided also, that any property which the said Tristram Dalton