

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 7th of November, in the year of our LORD 1803, and ended the 7th of January, 1804, the following Laws were enacted.

ROBERT BOWIE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each member of the council shall be entitled to receive, for the ensuing year, the sum of two hundred pounds current money for his salary. Salary ascertained.

C H A P. II.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Parvin, an insolvent debtor of Frederick county.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Parvin, of Frederick county, that he has been for a considerable time, and now is, confined in the gaol of said county for debts he is unable to pay: And whereas from the advanced age and infirmity of the said Thomas Parvin, it appears reasonable that a special act of insolvency should be passed in his favour; therefore, Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on the said Thomas Parvin's application to the chancellor, by petition in writing, on or before the fourth day of June next, offering to deliver up to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal and mixed, (except his wearing apparel and bedding of himself and family,) to which he is in any way entitled, a schedule whereof, on oath or affirmation, together with a list of his creditors, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to such petition, the chancellor shall administer to the said Thomas Parvin the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I, Thomas Parvin, do swear, (or affirm,) that I will deliver up, convey or 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 any way entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time sold, conveyed, lessened or disposed of, for the use of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of my money or other property, debts, rights or claims, to any person or persons, 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 appoint such person as trustee as he may think proper; and the trustee so to be appointed shall, before he proceeds to act, give bond to such person, in trust for the use of the creditors of the said Thomas Parvin, and in such penalty as the said chancellor shall direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the trust, which bond shall be filed in the chancery office, and a copy thereof, certified under the hand of the register thereof, shall be good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state; and if any trustee appointed by virtue of this act shall refuse to act, or die, or neglect to give bond as aforesaid in a reasonable time, to be judged of by the chancellor, he shall appoint such person as he may think proper in his place, who shall give bond as aforesaid, and on giving such bond, (in case the said Thomas Parvin had conveyed his property to the former trustee,) he shall be vested with all the property of every kind, and all the debts, rights and credits, of the said Thomas Parvin, as completely as the former trustee was vested with the same.

Chancellor, on application, to administer an oath, &c.