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nior, Benjamin Willmot, James Turner, James Roper, John Vickers, James Barnes, James Cowan, Thomas Ozment, John R. Bromwell and John Simmonds, of Talbot county; Bennett H. Clarvoe, Munucan Walker, Tubman Pollit, John Miller alias John Hogskin, and Nathan Newton, of Somerset county; James Byas and Joseph G. Daffin, of Dorchester county; Philip Welsh, William Phillips, James Wilson, David Stevenson and Robert Williams, of Cæcil county; Richard G. Hardesty, of Prince-George's county; Sele Tucker, Thomas Folks, Richard White and Gottlieb J. Grammer, of the city of Annapolis; Henry Downes, junior, Moses Legg, William Kerney and William P. Ridgaway, of Queen-Anne's county; Benjamin Burrows, William Stevenson, George Houston, Ezekiel Wise and Isaac Houstone, of Worcester county; John Huston, Benjamin Duvall, Benjamin Ogle, John Ditzbaugh and John Neill, of Frederick county; John B. Onion, Abraham Jarrett, doctor John Smith, Jeremiah Rogers, Robert Morgan, John M. Comas, Joshua G. Barclay, Winston Smith and William Barclay, of Harford county; Jane Green, of Caroline county; Jacob Fouble, Joseph Kidder, Fordom Pease, John Forbes, Joel M. Munson, Henry Sleenhuis, Samuel Godwin, John H. Beha, James Williamson, William Stewart, Charles Davis, Francis W. Bolgiano, James Oswald Bowman, John Edwards, Benjamin Vaughan, Thomas Cantwell, Benjamin Dutton, Thomas Meeteer, Anthony Lamerlere, Alexander Fulton and James Fulton, George Andrean, John Clark, Francis Johonnet and Bernard H. Cook, William Lowry, James Jaffray, William Harris, Enoch Churchman, Benjamin D. Galpin, John C. Luttig, James Chalmers, Samuel Walker, Thomas Lambden, James Lerue, Michael Baroux, Walter S. Hunt, Joseph Wood, Jacob Milliron, Gilbert Middleton and Jonathan Edwards, Henry Brown, Alexander Coulter, Daniel Connor, Adam Aldberger, James Morgan, Andrew Jacob Von Hemessen, John Gill, Charles Rogers, John Hobby, Hamilton Graham, James M. Evoy, James C. Neilson, William P. Mathews, Thomas Crain, John Ligget, David Watson, Joseph Roach, Joseph Myers, Robert Miller, Frederick Travers, James W. Sloan, George Buchanan, John B. Sayre, Benjamin Thomas, Henry Child and Howell Price, Thomas Cave, Daniel Ruff, Thomas Harrison, John Harper, Robert Nesbit, Robert Cooke, Walter Wilson and John R. Caldwell, of the city of Baltimore; Thomas Ringgold, of Washington county; Zachariah Maccubbin, John Dells, Nicholas Pagno, Washington Drane, Thomas Nicholls of John, Samuel S. Harwood, John Hobbs, Samuel Clements, Taubott Allnut and John Beaden, of Montgomery county; Benjamin Duvall and Ninian Cochran, of Allegany county; by their petitions to this general assembly, have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to pay their debts, and have prayed that they may be discharged therefrom, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

Court, on application, to direct notice, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That on application of either of the said debtors to the county court of the county in which they severally reside, by petition in writing, offering to deliver to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal or mixed, (the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of himself and his family excepted,) to which he is in 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 or accompany such petition, the county court shall direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or to as many of them as can be served therewith, or their agent or attornies, or direct notice of such application to be advertised in the most public places of the county where the said debtor resides, or to be inserted in some news-paper for such time as they may think proper, and on the appearance of the said creditor, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and place appointed, the county court 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 county court shall direct, all my property that I have, or claim any title to or interest in, and all debts, rights and claims, which I have, or am any way entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, (the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of myself and family excepted,) 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 monies 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 profits, benefits or advantages, thereby;" and the county court shall thereupon name such person as a majority of the creditors in value, their agents or attornies, shall recommend, to be 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 county court shall name such person as they shall think proper, to be trustee as aforesaid.

None to be entitled but citizens, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person herein before mentioned shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, unless the county court shall be satisfied, by competent testimony, that he has resided the two preceding years within the state of Maryland prior to the passage of this act, and unless, at