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IV. AND, whereas the said original act requires that any debtor who shall apply for the benefit of the said act, shall produce to the court, or judge, to whom he shall apply, the assent, in writing, of so many of his creditors as have due to them two thirds of the amount of the debts due by such debtor at the time of his application, and in many instances more than one third of the debts due by debtors applying for relief is due to banks or other corporate bodies, or to the estates of persons deceased, or to trustees who represent creditors or others, and the officers having charge of the affairs of such corporate bodies, the executors and administrators of such deceased person, and the trustees before mentioned, although not desirous of preventing the release of such debtor, do not conceive themselves authorised to consent to his release; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That in order to remove all doubts as to the power of such corporate bodies, executors, administrators and trustees, to sign their assent to the release of any insolvent debtor, under the insolvent laws of this state, the said corporate bodies, executors, administrators and trustees, be and they, or any of them, are hereby declared duly authorised to sign their assent to such release of any insolvent debtor, whenever they, or any of them, shall deem the same right and proper.

Corporate bodies, &c. may sign their assent, &c.

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An ACT for the limitation of appeals and writs of error.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this law, no writ of error or appeal shall be prosecuted upon a judgment rendered in the late general court, or upon any judgment or decree which has been or shall be rendered or passed in any county court, after three years shall have elapsed from the time of the rendition or passage of such judgment or decree; provided always, that eighteen calendar months, to be computed from the passage of this act, be allowed to all persons for the prosecution of appeals and writs of error upon any judgment heretofore rendered in the late general court, and upon any judgment or decree heretofore rendered in any county court, which was not barred by the statute of limitations before the passage of this act, and which, but for this provision, would be barred by this act.

Passed 20th of January, 1808. No writ of error, &c. shall be prosecuted, &c.

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A Further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof.

WHEREAS by the act to which this is a supplement, certain principles are established, and qualifications of the members of the city council of the city of Baltimore, which experience hath proved to be inconvenient in their operation, and repugnant to the wishes of a great portion of the inhabitants of Baltimore, who have by their petition to this general assembly prayed for an alteration of the same; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly, That the persons in the several wards of the said city, qualified to vote members of the first branch of the city council, shall, on the first Monday in October next, and on the first Monday in October in every second year thereafter, assemble at the place of holding elections in their respective wards, and in each ward there shall be elected, by ballot, one person, a resident of the ward by which he is elected, which persons, elected as aforesaid, and being eligible as such, shall be the members of the second branch of the city council of Baltimore; and all vacancies in the said second branch of the city council shall be filled in the same manner that vacancies in the first branch of the city council are filled up.

Voters to assemble, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the mayor of the said city shall be chosen in the following manner, to wit: The persons qualified to vote for members of the first branch of the city council, shall, on the first Monday in October next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, assemble at the place of holding elections in their respective wards in the city of Baltimore, and elect, by ballot, sixteen persons, qualified to be members of the first branch of the city council, as electors of the mayor of the said city, two of whom shall reside in each of the said wards, which said elections shall, on the first Monday in November next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, meet at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and by ballot elect a mayor, to serve as such for two years next thereafter; and no person shall be eligible as mayor who is not of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, twenty-five years of age, ten years a citizen of the United States, five years a resident in the city of Baltimore next preceding the election, and assessed on the books of the assessor with the property in the city of Baltimore to the amount of five hundred dollars; and in case two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes for the mayor, the said electors shall determine, by lot, which of the persons, so having an equal number of votes, shall be appointed

Mayor, how to be chosen, &c.

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