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year forever thereafter, and choose three discreet persons to act as judges, which said judges thus chosen, shall, on the same day, proceed to hold an election for commissioners, as directed by the law to which this is a supplement; and the said commissioners when thus elected, shall be vested with all and singular the powers given to the commissioners contemplated to be elected under the provisions of said law.

## CHAPTER 22.

Passed Dec. 27, 1811. *An Act for the relief of Dominick Galt and John Thomas, of the city of Baltimore.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this General Assembly, that Dominick Galt and John Thomas of the city of Baltimore, having become unable, from various misfortunes in trade, to pay their debts, had offered to assign their whole estate for the equal benefit of all their creditors, on condition of their releasing them from their debts, which offer had been rejected by one of their principal creditors, who then refused, and has since uniformly refused to consent to release the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas, upon their conveying all their estate as aforesaid: *And whereas,* It is also represented, that from losses in trade subsequent to this offer, the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas have unfortunately lost that part of their estate which they had intended to appropriate to the satisfaction of the said creditor, who is now prosecuting his claim against them, with the declared intention of opposing their release under the insolvent law, whereby the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas will be deprived of the benefit of the said law, and it appearing to this General Assembly, reasonable that they should be relieved in the premises: *Therefore,*

Extending the benefit of the act of insolvency without getting two thirds of creditors to sign off.

BE IT ENACTED *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of Baltimore county court, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, without the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas being under the necessity of producing to the said county court the assent of so many of their creditors, as have due to them in amount two thirds of the debts owing by the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas, to extend and afford to the said Dominick Galt and John Thomas, all the benefits, advantages and