

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Philo D. Forest* be and he is hereby authorised to prosecute his petition for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, without being compelled to prove his residence in the state of Maryland for two years previous to his application for the benefit of the said laws, and that his want of residence in this state shall not prevent him from obtaining the full benefit of the laws; *Provided always,* that in every other respect he comply with the conditions of the said insolvent laws, as fully as if he had resided the proper length of time in the state of Maryland, and this law had not been passed.

CHAP. 57.

Authorised to prosecute petition for benefit of insolvent laws

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2. *And be it enacted,* That the judge and court to whom the said Philo D. Forest shall make application for a personal and final discharge respectively, as the case may be, shall be respectively satisfied by a competent testimony other than the oath of the said Philo D. Forest himself, that he did not come to this state for the purpose of avoiding the payment of his debts.

Court to be satisfied he did not come to this state for that purpose

CHAP. LVIII.

An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Rawlings, of the City of Baltimore.

Passed Jan 23 1821

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Benjamin Rawlings* of the city of Baltimore, shall be and he is hereby entitled to the benefits of the insolvent laws of this state, upon the terms and conditions therein prescribed, except that he shall not be required to produce evidence of his having resided two years in this state, immediately preceding the time of his application, for the benefit of the said laws.

Benefit of insolvent laws granted him

2. *Provided always, And be it enacted,* That the judge and court, or commissioners, to whom the said Benjamin Rawlings shall apply for a personal and final release respectively, under the said laws, shall be respectively satisfied, by legal and competent testimony, other than the oath of the said Benjamin Rawlings himself, that he was born in this state, and resided therein till the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, and returned thereto in November eighteen hundred and nineteen, not for the purpose of avoiding the payment of his debts, but with a *bona fide* intention of permanently residing therein.

Court to be satisfied that he was born in this state, &c

CHAP. LIX.

An Act to annul the Marriage of Joseph Price, and Sarah his Wife.

Passed Jan 18 1821

Preamble

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Joseph Price, of Caroline county, that his wife Sarah Price has eloped from his bed and board, without any just cause or provocation on the part of her said husband, and has taken up and lives with a black man, in a state of open and disgraceful adultery; from which distressing evil he prays to be relieved; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, Therefore,

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joseph Price,* of Caroline county, be and he is hereby divorced from bed, board, and mutual cohabitation, with his wife Sarah Price.

Divorce granted

2. *And be it enacted,* That all property, either real or personal, which the said Joseph Price may hereafter acquire, shall be held, possessed and enjoyed, by the said Joseph Price, free and clear

To hold property he may hereafter acquire free and clear, &c