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## CHAPTER 94.

An act for the benefit of Uriah Blackburn, of Cecil County.

WHEREAS, it appears probable from the petition of Uriah Blackburn, of Cecil county, that a verdict was rendered against him in Cecil County Court, on allegations filed against him by one John Blackburn, because of his not being able to procure the attendance of the witness by whose testimony he could have established his defence, and the court having no authority to grant a new trial;—Therefore,

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of Cecil County Court, be, and they are hereby authorised at the next term of said court to grant a new trial in the case of the allegations filed in said court against said Uriah Blackburn, by Jehu Blackburn.

2. *And be it enacted,* That any one of the judges of said county court, or any judge of the orphans' court, be, and he is hereby authorised to order a discharge of said Uriah Blackburn, from the imprisonment he suffers by reason of the verdict against him on the allegations mentioned in the preceding section, provided he gives bond in double the amount of the debts appearing due by his schedule, with good and sufficient security to be approved of by such judge, to make his personal appearance before Cecil county court, at the term of said court next after the date of such bond, to answer any allegations which may be filed against him by any of his creditors, and to abide any order or judgment of said court in relation to such allegations, such bond to be filed among the papers relating to the application of said Uriah Blackburn, for the benefit of the insolvent laws, now pending in said County Court, and a copy of such bond under the seal of said County Court, shall be as good and competent evidence in any Court in this state as the original would if produced and proved.

## CHAPTER 95.

An act for the relief of Mary Meginnis.

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stipulated.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Casparus Meginnis, of Kent County, shall from the passage of this act be, and he is hereby altogether deprived of all and every interest, authority, power and control, in, over, and to the person of Mary Meginnis, his wife, as fully as if she had never been married.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the said Mary Meginnis shall be, and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for, and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, property of any kind whatever, real, personal or mixed, in as full and ample a manner as if she was a feme sole, and to use and enjoy, or dispose of the same at her will and pleasure, and may in her own name sue and be sued, as if she was a feme sole.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the said Casparus Meginnis, shall annually hereafter pay to John Crane, of Queen Ann's County, who is hereby made the trustee in that behalf, to and for the use and benefit of the said Mary Meginnis, the sum of three hundred dollars in two equal instalments, the first on the first day of March, and the second on the first day of September, in each and every year during the joint lives of said Casparus Meginnis and Mary Meginnis, and the said trustee shall be authorised to institute suit in his own name for any instalment which shall not be paid on the day on which the same is hereby declared to be due, and it shall be the duty of the court before