

prohibited from entering the said dock. Which was read and referred to Messrs Johnson, Scott and Miller.

The bill relating to insolvent debtors, was read a second time. On motion, the question was put, "Will the senate strike out the 3rd section, for the purpose of inserting the following."

Strike out the third section of the bill, and insert:—

*And be it enacted,* That in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this state, which may be hereafter made to the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore, the said commissioners, or any one of them, shall be authorised, and the said commissioners, or some one of them, are hereby required to administer to the petitioning debtor, the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, "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 commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city and county of Baltimore 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 benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted any part of my monies or other property, or debts, rights or claims, thereby to defraud my creditors, or any of them, or secure to receive, or expect any profits, benefits or advantages thereby."

*And be it enacted* That in case any such insolvent debtor shall at any time hereafter, upon an indictment found in the city or county court, of the city or county in which such debtor may reside, or in the city or county where such oath or affirmation shall have been taken or administered, be convicted of wilfully, falsely and corruptly, swearing or affirming to any matter or thing, to which he shall swear or affirm by virtue of this act, he shall suffer, as in case of wilful and corrupt perjury and be forever debarred from any benefit of the insolvent laws of this state.

*And be it enacted,* That upon the trial of any issue or issues by a jury, upon any allegations which may be filed against any such debtor, such debtor shall be found guilty of any fraud or deceit of his creditors, the county court in which such interrogatories or allegations may or shall be filed, shall give judgment to the creditor or creditors preferring such interrogatories or allegations against such insolvent debtor for his reasonable costs and charges, in that behalf sustained, and shall sentence the said insolvent debtor to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for any time in their discretion, not less than two years, nor more than five years.