

the final hearing of such insolvent debtor before said commissioners, it shall appear to said commissioners, that the debtor has complied with the terms and conditions of the insolvent laws, and acted fairly and bona fide, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to grant him a final discharge in the same manner and to the same effect as is now allowed to Baltimore county court, and it shall be their duty to decide unfavorably on the case of such debtor, and to refuse said discharge if he shall not have complied as aforesaid, or have acted as aforesaid, and said discharge or unfavorable decision shall be certified by such person as said commissioners shall appoint their clerk; who shall have and use a seal of office which said commissioners shall direct; and the certificate of said clerk under said seal of any acts or proceedings of said commissioners, and of copies of any papers in any case of an insolvent debtor, or in the office of said commissioners shall be as valid and effectual as the certificate under seal of the clerk of Baltimore county court now is in like cases; and the said commissioners shall notwithstanding the authority hereby granted them in respect of such final discharge report and return to Baltimore county court after such final discharge or unfavorable decision as aforesaid, all their proceedings and the papers in the case of the insolvent debtor, as such proceedings and papers are now required to be reported and returned, the said clerk of said commissioners keeping however a record of the final discharges granted as aforesaid; provided, that where the commissioners shall extend or change the time as aforesaid for final appearance, and shall have made report and return as aforesaid to Baltimore county court the said commissioners may thereafter grant a final discharge as aforesaid, or otherwise proceed to every effect as if such report and return had not been made, and shall make report and return of such further proceedings and the papers relating thereto to Baltimore county court; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with or in any wise alter or affect the provisions of the act passed a December session of the year 1829, chapter 208, and that when by reason of allegations being filed against the debtor in due time before the day of final appearance, he shall fail to become entitled to a final discharge, the commissioners shall report and return the proceedings and papers in the case to Baltimore county court accordingly.