

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state, endorsed;  
 "By the senate, December 4, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 3d line of the 1st page strike out the words "Lavallin Barry," and in the two succeeding lines strike out the words "John Sigfried and Adam Bontz, of Frederick county." In the 7th line of the 1st page strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county." In the 15th and 16th lines strike out the names of "Lavallin Barry, John Sigfried, Adam Bontz," and in the last line of the page strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave." In the 5th and 6th lines of the 2d page strike out the words "Lavallin Barry, John Sigfried, Adam Bontz," and in the 7th line strike out the words "Isaac Redgrave." At the end of the bill insert the following clauses:  
 "And be it enacted, That any of the said debtors discharged by order of the said justices shall, for ever thereafter, be acquitted and discharged from all debts by him owing or contracted at any time before the time of such discharge; provided that any property thereafter acquired by such debtor by descent, or in his own right, by devise, bequest, or in the course of distribution, shall be liable to the payment of his debts.

"And be it enacted, That if any creditor of the aforesaid debtors shall, at any time within two years after the said debtors are discharged, shall allege in writing to the justices of the county court, in court sitting, where the said debtor resides, that such debtor hath directly or indirectly sold, lessened, or otherwise disposed of in trust or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, whereby to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage thereby, or to deceive or defraud his creditors, the said court may thereupon examine such debtor on interrogatories, on oath or affirmation, for the discovery of his property, or any concealment thereof, and respecting his conduct touching the same, or the said justices may, in their discretion, direct an issue to be tried in the said court where the debtor resides, to determine the truth of any allegation made by such creditor, and if such debtor shall be found guilty of any wilful fraud or deceit of his creditor, he shall for ever be precluded from having any benefit of the act; and if any debtor who shall take the oath or affirmation by this act directed, shall, upon indictment, be convict of wilfully, falsely and corruptly, swearing or affirming to any matter or thing in such oath or affirmation contained, such person shall suffer as in case of wilful and corrupt perjury, and likewise be liable to his creditors, and shall have no relief by, or benefit of, this act."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.  
 The bill relating to writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the word "of," after the word "case" in the 7th line. In the same line strike out the words "issued or to be," and insert "hath been or shall be issued." Strike out the word "is," in the 9th line, and insert "hath been or shall be." Strike out the words "shall not," in the 10th line, and insert "have elected, or shall elect not to." Strike out the word "is," in the 11th line, and insert "was or may be."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.  
 The bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Saint-Mary's county court, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.  
 And a bill, entitled, An act to prevent insufficient securities in bonds given on obtaining writs of error, and to give a more speedy recovery against the principal and securities in bonds given on obtaining such writs, and upon appeals, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the second time and will pass.  
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Nicholas Hammond, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals, and the following message:  
 BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 24, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,  
 ON considering the subject of your message by Mr. Stérett respecting the criminal law, we recede from the amendment proposed by this house as to its continuance.  
 By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution respecting James Earle, clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, was read the second time and dissented to.