

last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors, was taken up for consideration;

On motion by Mr. Brown, of Queen Anne's,  
Said bill was amended, by striking out the third section of the bill.

On motion by Mr. Brown, of Queen Anne's,  
Said bill was further amended, by striking out the fifth section of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:—

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if on such final appearance or 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 such as 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 when 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