

C H A P.

II.  
On executing a deed, to be discharged, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That upon the said Thomas Parvin executing and acknowledging a deed to the trustee to be appointed as aforesaid, conveying all his property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts, rights and claims, agreeably to the oath of said Thomas Parvin, and on his delivery to the said trustee all his said property which he shall have in his possession, and of his books, papers and evidences of debts, rights and claims of every kind, and the said trustee certifying the same, in writing, to the said chancellor, the said chancellor shall order and direct that the said Thomas Parvin be released from all debts, covenants, judgments, contracts and agreements, due from, or owing or contracted by him, before the date of the said deed, and by virtue of the said order the said Thomas Parvin shall be discharged as aforesaid; provided, that any property which the said Thomas Parvin shall hereafter acquire in his own right by devise, bequest, descent, or in course of distribution, shall be liable for the payment of his said debts; and provided also, that the discharge of the said Thomas Parvin in virtue of this act shall not discharge any person or persons who now is, are or shall be, liable or answerable for him in any manner whatever, except such person or persons as are special bail for the said Thomas Parvin, who are hereby discharged therefrom.

When fraud, &c. is alleged, may be examined, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any creditor of the said Thomas Parvin shall, within two years from the passing of this act, allege in writing to the chancellor of this state, or the county court of the county where the said Thomas Parvin shall reside, and confirm his allegations by such proof as the chancellor, or the court aforesaid, shall deem sufficient, that the said Thomas Parvin hath, before the passing of this act, directly or indirectly sold, conveyed, assigned or otherwise disposed of, or purchased in trust for himself, or intrusted or concealed, any part of his property of any kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, thereby to deceive or defraud his creditors, or any of them, or to receive or to expect any profit or advantage thereby, the said chancellor, or court respectively, may thereupon, at the election of the creditor making such allegations, either examine the said Thomas Parvin on interrogatories, on oath or affirmation, touching the subject of said allegations, or direct an issue or issues in a summary way, to determine the truth of the same; and if upon the answer of the said interrogatories, or the trial of the said issue or issues by a jury, the said Thomas Parvin shall be found guilty of any fraud or deceit of his creditors, he shall be for ever precluded from any benefit of this act; and if the said Thomas Parvin shall, at any time thereafter, upon indictment, 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 such punishment as in the case of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Creditor liable to pay costs, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the creditor or creditors making such allegation, shall be liable to pay to the said Thomas Parvin such costs and damages as the said chancellor, or court, as the case may be, before whom the allegations or issue or issues shall be tried, shall award, if the said Thomas Parvin shall not be convicted thereof.

On petition, may be discharged, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the said Thomas Parvin shall petition to the chancellor in writing, with his oath or affirmation annexed to such petition, offering to deliver up to his creditors all his property, rights and credits, of every kind whatsoever, it shall be lawful for the said chancellor immediately to order the sheriff in whose custody he is to discharge the said Thomas Parvin out of his custody; and if the said Thomas Parvin shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process for the recovery of any debt, damages or costs, contracted, owing or growing due before the passage of this act, the court before whom such process shall be returned shall and may discharge said Thomas Parvin out of his custody on his common appearance being entered, without any special bail, provided that such discharge shall not acquit any other person or persons from such debt, damages or costs, or any part thereof, but that all such persons shall be answerable for the same in such manner as they were before the passing of this act.

C H A P. III.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1803.

An ACT authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for finishing a house of public worship in Baltimore county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, that they are unable by subscription to finish an house of public worship which they have erected for the use of the regular baptist, methodist, presbyterians and episcopalians, and free for the use of all denomination of christians that come recommended, and have prayed that a law may pass authorising a lottery to finish the same; therefore,

A scheme may be proposed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Benjamin Corbin, Richard Brown, John Myers, Nicholas Brown and Joshua Cockey, or a majority of