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Passed 28th of
January, 1806.

An ACT for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

WHEREAS John Sanders, Nathaniel Washington and Elizabeth K. Cartwright, of Saint-Mary's county; James Cook, Isaac Younger and James Cruickshanks, of Kent county; Richard Rawlings, of Francis, Robert W. Elliott, Richard G. Rawlings, Jonathan Waters and Richard Odle of Anne-Arundel county; Jonathan S. Hardesty and Levi Butler, of Charles county; Richard Harvey, Thomas B. Randall, John Brown, John Wray, Joseph Pierpoint, Thomas Crain, John Boyd Patrick Mulligen, Richard Sweeney, Walter S. Hunt, James Maydwell, of Alexander, Benjamin Arnold, Absalom Chenoweth, Francis Mottee, John H. Barney, Peter Stewart, Thomas L. Judge, Thomas N. Vaughan, Jacob Sitrer and Horatio Johnson, of Baltimore county; William Tibbles James Cowan, John Simmonds, James Roper, John M. Needles and John R. Bromwell, of Talbot county; Silas C. Bush, Joseph Bruff, Benjamin Polk, Benjamin Wailes, Edward H. Smith, George Vance, William Furniss and John Bruff, Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gilliss and Richard Minish, of Somerset county; Daniel Parker, of Dorchester county; John Porter, Manassah Logue, Peter Jackson, John Stevenson, Samuel Thompson, Edward Oldham, Thomas Coffield, John Carnan, Abraham Pennington and John Mackey, of Cecil county; Isaac Peach and Richard G. Hardesty, of Prince-George's county; James Nelson, Benjamin Lusby and John Howenton, of the city of Annapolis; Samuel T. Wright, John Pennington, John Maynor, Andrew Raburgh and Edward Hargadine, of Queen-Anne's county; John J. Purnell and Levin Long, of Worcester county; George W. Sykes and William R. Sewell, of Calvert county; Joshua Stevenson, Daniel Kemp, Samuel Coates, junior, David Waggoner, John Dartzboh, William Springer, William James Turner, Basil Pool and George Rowles, of Frederick county; William Hayward, Tobias Watkins, Corbin Preston, Thomas Adlum, Alexander Reese, Edward Jolley, Abraham Jarrett and Bennet Wheeler, of Harford county; William Boon, Joseph G. Daffin and Thomas Loveday, of Caroline county; Louis De Niroth, Robert Nesbit, Robert Doayne, Philip Bier, senior, Louis Barbarin, William Merryman, Jacob Laudenslager, James Clayland, John Gill, John Miller, Henry Semmers, Edmund Curtis, Benjamin D. Galpin, Charles Rogers, Isaac Smith, Charles Edwards, Richard Nicols, John R. Caldwell, Elisha Stansbury, Joseph Kidder, Thomas Jones, Gilbert Middleton, Enoch Welsh, Thomas Meeteer, Jonathan Edwards, Walter Muschett, Henry Steenhuis, Charles Coffin, Plesley P. Prichard, Henry Lay, William Bond, James Earengy, John Davis, Reuben Sewell, James Searight, David Butler, William Starr, John B. Sayre, William Boyce, John Merryman, John Curson Seton and Howell Price, of the city of Baltimore; Mountjoy Bayly, Joseph Kennedy, John Stephens, of Washington county; Washington Drane and Patrick Lyddan, of Montgomery county; and William S. Boyd, of Allegany county; by their petitions to this general assembly, have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to pay their debts, and have prayed that they may be discharged therefrom, upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on application of either of the said debtors to the county court of the county in which they severally reside, or to any judge thereof in case of the actual confinement of such applicant, by petition in writing, offering to deliver to the use of his creditors all his property, real, personal or mixed, (the necessary wearing apparel and bedding of himself and his family excepted,) to which he is in any way entitled, a schedule whereof, (on oath or affirmation, as the case may require,) together with a list of the creditors of the persons so applying, on oath or affirmation, as far as he can ascertain them, shall be annexed to or accompany such petition, the county court shall direct personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors, or to as many of them as can be served therewith, or their agent or attorneys, or direct notice of such application to be advertised in the most public places of the county where the said debtor resides, or to be inserted in some news-paper for such time as they may think proper, and on the appearance of the said creditor, or neglect to appear on notice, at the time or times and place appointed, the county court shall administer to the petitioning debtor the following oath or affirmation, as the case may require: "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 county court 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 use or benefit of any person or persons, or intrusted, any part of his monies