

## CHAPTER MCCCLXXXV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF HENRY CLELAND BAKER, JOSEPH RICHARD ROBESON, BENJAMIN BURTON AND ROBERT HUNTER, INSOLVENT DEBTORS CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Henry Cleland Baker, Joseph Richard Robeson, Benjamin Burton and Robert Hunter, prisoners now confined in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia for debts due by them to their respective creditors, have by their petitions to the house of assembly severally set forth their total inability to satisfy their respective creditors and have prayed to be discharged from further imprisonment of their persons, which from their particular circumstances cannot be done under the laws at present subsisting for the benefit of insolvent debtors without the intervention of this house:

And whereas the prayers of their petitions appear to be reasonable, as the petitioners will by such discharge be the better enabled by their industry, when at liberty, to acquire property, by which the debts now due by them may be paid to their several creditors.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the county court of common pleas in and for the city and county of Philadelphia be and they are hereby authorized and required upon the several petitions of the said Henry Cleland Baker, Joseph Richard Robeson, Benjamin Burton and Robert Hunter to grant unto them and each of them relief in the like manner and upon the same terms as by the laws of this commonwealth now in force is provided for insolvent debtors who are confined in execution for debt to any one person to the value of forty shillings and upwards: and the several and respective discharges thereupon to be made by the said court of the prisoners aforesaid shall be as valid and their proceedings as effectual to all intents and purposes as any discharge or proceeding in case of any

insolvent debtor under the laws of this commonwealth now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors who severally are indebted or owe to any one creditor to the value of forty shillings and upwards would or may be, although the said Henry Cleland Baker, Joseph Richard Robeson, Benjamin Burton and Robert Hunter or either of them may not have resided within this state for the space of two years next before their or his imprisonment or confinement aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any creditor or creditors of the said Henry Cleland Baker, Joseph Richard Robeson, Benjamin Burton and Robert Hunter or either of them do or shall not reside within this state at the time of such proceeding before the said court, that the service of notice of the application to the said court or of any rule or order of the same court in the premises, on the known agent or attorney within this state of such creditor or creditors shall be equally good and effectual as if the same notice or notices were served on the person or persons of such creditor or creditors, but if such creditor or creditors shall have no such agent or attorney within this state, the said court on satisfactory proof that due diligence has been used to find out such agent or attorney and that none can be found, shall and may, notwithstanding, proceed to discharge any such debtor in like manner as if such notice had been actually given.

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## CHAPTER MCCCLXXXVI.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers members of the Presbyterian Congregation of the township of Tredyffrin in the county of Chester have prayed that the said congregation may