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NO. 27.

SENATE.

AN ACT

ADDITIONAL

FOR THE RELIEF OF

POOR DEBTORS.

[SMITH & ROBINSON,.....Printers to the State.]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 16, 1839.

This Bill was read once, and Thursday next ten o'clock assigned for a second reading, and

Ordered, That 500 copies of the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary*.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND THIRTY-NINE.

AN ACT additional to and explanatory of the
several Acts now in force for the relief of Poor
Debtors.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and
2 House of Representatives in Legislature
3 assembled,* That when any debtor arrested on
4 a warrant of distress or execution, or committed
5 to prison on the same, shall have given, or shall
6 hereafter give a bond as is allowed by the 8th
7 section of the Act to which this is additional, he
8 may make a written application to a Justice of
9 the Peace of the County where he has been
10 arrested or committed to prison, who shall
11 thereupon make out a notification under his hand
12 and seal, of such debtor's desire to take the
13 privilege and benefit of the Poor Debtor's oath,

14 and the time and place of the intended caption,
15 which, being served in the manner prescribed
16 by the ninth section of the Act to which this is
17 additional, shall be deemed a valid notice to the
18 creditor.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That when-
2 ever any debtor shall make a disclosure under
3 any of the several Acts to which this is addi-
4 tional, and shall in such disclosure disclose any
5 bank bills, notes, accounts, chose in action, or
6 any property not by law attachable, or that
7 cannot be come at to be attached, the same shall
8 be assigned to some disinterested person for the
9 benefit of the creditor or creditors, before the
10 debtor shall be permitted to take the oath or
11 affirmation by law required. And in case the
12 debtor or debtors and creditor or creditors shall
13 be unable to agree upon an assignee or assignees,
14 the same shall be determined by the Justices
15 before whom the disclosure shall be made.