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ON the petition of Abigail Weaver, of Newport, setting forth, that on the thirty-first day of March, 1807, her husband, Benjamin Weaver, sailed from Newport, bound to the coast of Africa, on board the brig Louisa; that on the day after the said vessel sailed, a violent gale of wind arose, in which there remains no doubt that said vessel was wrecked, and every person on board lost; that the said Benjamin, previous to his sailing from Newport, made his last will and testament, in which he constituted the said Abigail sole executrix thereof, and praying this Assembly to pass an act, authorizing the Court of Probate of the town of Newport to prove and approve the said last will and testament, in the same manner as if the said Benjamin had been absent three years, without due proof of his being alive, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and that the Court of Probate of the town of Newport be authorized and empowered to prove and approve the last will and testament of the said Benjamin, in the same manner as if the said Benjamin had been absent three years, without due proof of his being alive.

Petition A.
Weaver for the
probate of a will.

Upon the petition of Oliver Knight, of Richmond, praying, for certain reasons therein stated, that the benefit of an act, passed in June, 1756, entitled, "An Act for the relief of insolvent debtors," may be extended to him, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That said petition be received and referred to the next session of this Assembly; that the petitioner cause his creditors to be notified hereof according to law, and that in the mean time all proceedings against him be stayed; and that if the said petitioner be committed to gaol before notice is had of this resolve, he be liberated, on giving bonds to the Sheriff of the county of Washington, to return to gaol, if the prayer of his petition shall not be granted.

O. Knight vs.
creditors.



An Act to enlarge the powers of "The Charitable Baptist Society in Providence."

WHEREAS the said Society have, by their petition, represented unto this Assembly, that they have no means for raising money for defraying the expences of repairs on their meeting-house, other than by voluntary subscriptions and donations, which is not only attended with many inconveniencies and delays, but operates unequally on the members of the Society: And whereas the said Society have further represented, that the holders of pews in said house have agreed, that all expences of repairs on said house and its appurtenances shall in future be defrayed by taxes on the pews, and have prayed this Assembly to pass an act, authorizing the said Society to assess and levy on said pews all such sums of money as may hereafter be necessary for that purpose:

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Section 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted,* That the said Society, at any legal meeting thereof, shall be and hereby are authorized and empowered, to assess and levy on the said pews all such sum and sums of money as they may think necessary, to defray the expence of any repairs or additions, which may be ordered by said Society to be made on said house or its appurtenances, and also for the services of the sexton.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all sums of money which shall be assessed on said pews, in virtue of this act, shall be apportioned on the same according to a valuation thereof made by Messrs. Ephraim Wheaton, Nathaniel Wheaton and John Mason, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and unanimously adopted by said Society; at a meeting thereof on the eleventh day of August, A. D. 1788.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if the owner or owners of any pew in said house shall neglect or refuse to pay any sum or sums which may be assessed on such pew, for three months after notice of such assessment, the said Society shall be and hereby are authorized to sell such pew to the highest bidder, at public auction, giving three weeks previous notice of the time and place of sale, in the Providence news-papers, and the money arising from such sale, after first deducting the assessments due on said pew, and expences of collection, shall be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer of said Society, to be paid to such delinquent or delinquents, on request.



Petition S. Snow
vs. creditors.

On the petition of Samuel Snow, of Providence, in the county of Providence, merchant, praying that the benefit of an act passed in the year 1756, entitled, "An Act for the relief of insolvent debtors," may be extended to him, *Voted and Resolved,* That said petition be received and referred to the next session; that the petitioner cause due notice to be given to creditors to appear, if they see cause, at the next session, shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted, and that all proceedings be stayed against him till the rising of the Assembly at the next session; provided, however, that this resolution shall not be a bar to the recovery of a final judgment against the said Snow, in any action pending against him.

W. Allen allowed
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Voted and Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and forty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents be allowed and paid to William Allen, Esq; in full for his account presented to this Assembly, and that he have an order therefor on the General Treasury.

Petition G. Northup
for the remission of a fine.

Upon the petition of George Northup, praying, for certain reasons therein stated, that the fine and costs on which he stands committed