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(No. 147.) BANKRUPT PETITION.

To the Honourable the Judge of the District Court for the District of

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Alphan , in the County of . Mendelphia - and State of that he is owing debts in her private right and capacity to sundry creditors, a list of whose names and places of residence, and the amount due to each, according to the best of wheek knowledge and belief, is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, marked A., and that the annexed Schedule marked B. contains an accurate inventory of And property, rights and credits, of every name, kind, and description, and of the location and situation of each and every parcel and portion thereof ; that de del unable to meet here debts and engagements, and he therefore applay to this honourable Court for the benefit of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," and pray / that after due proceedings had, // may be declared by a decree of the Court to be .- Bankrupt , within the purview of the said Act, and upon the compliance with all the requisitions of the said Act, and all the orders and directions of the Court in the premises, that die may be decreed to have a Certificate of Discharge from all first debts proveable under the said Act, and otherwise entitled to all the benefits thereof.

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### Document of the Month

dgar Allan Poe, Crenowned author and resident of Philadelphia from 1838 to 1844, composed classics such as The Tell-Tale Heart and The Fall of the House of Usher during his stay in this city. Poe's tenure in Philadelphia was also marked by a bankruptcy claim filed with the Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania, a petition housed at the National Archives' Mid-Atlantic Branch. Though this document does not indicate the nature of Poe's indebtedness, it informs of the 1842 Bankruptcy Act's provisions. For example, Poe claims that he can provide the names and residences of each of his creditors as well as a list of his personal belongings.

*Citation:* Petition for Discharge of Bankruptcy, Edgar A. Poe. Bankruptcy Act of 1842 Case Files; Records of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Record Group 21; National Archives and Records Administration - Mid Atlantic Region (Philadelphia).





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