

Goaler in whose Custody such debtors are detained with the cause of such the detainer, before which said Justices or any three of them as af<sup>d</sup> such Prisoner shall take the following oath (or Affirmation if a Quaker) “ I A. B. do upon my Corporal Oath Solemnly profess and declare before Almighty God that I have not any Estate real or personal in possession Reversion or Remainder of the Value of forty Shillings in the whole or Sufficient to pay the debt or damages for which I am imprisoned and that I have not directly or indirectly Sold Leased or otherwise Conveyed disposed of or intrusted all or any part of my Estate thereby to secure the Same to receive or expect any profit or advantage thereof or defraud or deceive any Creditor or Creditors whatsoever to whom I stand Indebted ”

Then after the taking such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid the said Justices as aforesaid shall remand the Prisoner to Prison and shall give a Certificate in writing under their hands and Seals to such Prisoner of his having taken such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid before them to be served upon or left at the usual place of abode of such person or persons or their Attorneys or Agents in the County or province if not Residents at whose suit such Prisoner standeth charged and imprisoned thereby appointing as well the said person or persons as the said Prisoner to appear before the said Justices at the next Court to be holden for the said County when if it shall appear upon Oath (which Oath the Justices are empowered to administer) the said Certificate was so served or left forty days or more before the said Court and that the said Oath taken by the said Prisoner be not disproved by good and Sufficient Testimony then the said Justices being Satisfied therewith shall direct their warrant under their hands and Seals commanding the said Sheriff Goaler or Keeper of the Prison to sett at Liberty and discharge the said Prisoner if imprisoned for the Causes af<sup>d</sup> and no other without paying any thing for Imprisonment fees which warrant shall be a Sufficient discharge to the same Sheriff Goaler or Keeper of the Prison and no Action of Escape or other action shall be brought against them or any of them for the Same in any wise And forasmuch as some Persons being Prisoners and petitioning as af<sup>d</sup> to be relieved cannot take the af<sup>d</sup> Oath or Affirmation by reason of their having some Estate goods Debts or Effects thò not being Sufficient to pay his or their debts which the Prisoner or Prisoners are willing to yield Surrender and give up to the use of all his Creditors equally to be divided amongst them and shall actually Yield Surrender and give up the Same accordingly pursuant to the directions of this Act in such Case such Prisoner or Prisoners shall take the following Oath or Affirmation to the same Effect. “ I A. B. do Solemnly Swear that the Goods Debts & Effects and Estate which I have delivered up Assigned and made over to A. B. C. D. and E. F. three of the Justices of . . . . . County Court in Trust for the use of my Creditors is