

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid
and consent aforesaid that from and after the first day of
January next ensuing it shall and may be lawfull for any
person that shall be really and bound under any arrest
or execution for any Debt or Debts by him owing to any
person or persons either within this province or adjacent at
the next County Court to be held for such County where
such Debtors are in prison to surrender up and give an
account upon oath to the said Justices of all his estate
real and personall according to the Oath herein before
prescribed and declare his willingness to part with the
same to be equally divided among his Creditors in satis-
faction of their Debts upon which surrender it shall and
may be lawfull to bid for the said Justices or any three
of them as aforesaid and they are hereby impowered to cause
notice to be given to all his Creditors to appear at a certain
time and place by them to be limited and not less than
fifty days after such Court there to see such Debtors estate to
be inventoried appraised and valued and render an account
to the said Justices of their Debts due from such Debtors
and after such appraiment the said Justices are hereby
impowered to sell the same by way of Auction or otherwise
as to them shall seem meet and the money or Tobacco arising
by such sale equally to be divided by an equal proportion in the
pound among all Creditors of such debtors in full satisfaction
of their Debts. And that immediately upon the surrender
up of the said Debtors estate as aforesaid to the said Justices
the body of such Debtor shall be discharged out of prison
and from thenceforth be forever free and clear from such
arrest & all Debts by them contracted before that time and
that the Sheriffe in whose custody such Debtors are or shall
be at the time of such surrender shall not keep or detain
any debtors in prison for any fees or debt to them owing but
shall be paid their Debts or fees to them due proportionably as to their
Creditors and the said Justices are hereby impowered to discharge
such Debtors out of custody as aforesaid by warrant under
their hands and seals or the hands and seals of any three
of them as aforesaid which warrant they are hereby required
to give to such Debtors or prisoners without any fee or reward