

other Person from such Debt, Damage or Cost, or any Part thereof; but that all such Persons shall be answerable for the same, in such Manner as they were before the passing this Act.

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III.

IV. **Provided always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That notwithstanding the Discharge of the said Prisoners, or any of them, all and every Debt or Debts, due and owing from him, her, or them, and all and every Judgment had, or Decree obtained, against him, her, or them, shall stand and be good and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, against the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, of him, her, or them, and which he, she, or they, or any other Person in Trust for the Use of him, her, or them, had at the Time of the Discharge of the said Prisoners, or any of them, or which he, she, or they, at any Time hereafter, shall or may be any Way seized or possessed of, or interested in, to his, her, or their own Use, or in his, her, or their own proper Right, either in Law or Equity, (except the Wearing Apparel, Bedding, and Working Tools of him, her, or them, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money,) and it shall and may be lawful for any of their Creditors, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to take out new Execution, or Executions, without any *Scire facias* previous thereto, against the Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels of the said Prisoners, or any of them, (except as before excepted) for the Satisfaction of his, her, or their Debts, in such sort, manner, and form, as he, she, or they, might have done, if the said Prisoners, or any of them, had not been taken in Execution, or discharged by virtue of this Act.

Debts to
stand good in
Case, &c.

V. **And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,** That if any Action of Escape be brought against any Sheriff, or any Suit or Action against any Justice or Justices, for their performing their Duty in pursuance of this Act, he or they may plead the general Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter in Evidence; and, if the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, or Discontinue his Action, or Verdict pass against such Plaintiff, or Judgment upon Demurrer, the Defendant shall have and recover double Costs.

Actions of
Escape.

VI. **Provided also,** That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to bar any Creditor or Creditors of the before-mentioned Prisoners, from having and maintaining an Action of Escape against any Sheriff, who hath permitted any Escape before the making this Act.

Proviso, as to
Escape.

VII. **Provided nevertheless,** That in case any of the said Prisoners shall, at any Time after making such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, be convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or Non-compliance with the Tenor of such Oath, or Affirmation, as aforesaid, that then the said Prisoner, shall, upon such Conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him, her, or them, by this Act, and shall, from thenceforth, be liable to be Prosecuted for any Debt or Demands whatsoever, in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made; any Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

In case of
Perjury.

VIII. **Provided also,** That the respective Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, shall be first paid and satisfied their Imprisonment Fees, before any Creditor or Creditors shall have or receive any Share or Part of the Estates of the said Prisoners, respectively, or of the Produce thereof.

Sheriffs Fees
to be first
paid.

IX. **And be it further Enacted,** That after Public Notice given, by Advertisements set up at the Court-house Door of the County, Thirty Days at the least, of the Sale of any of the said Prisoners Lands, and Five Days at the least, of the Sale of any of the said Prisoners other Estate, the said Sheriffs

Notice to be
given of the
Sale of the
Prisoners E-
states, &c.