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riffs to whom any of the said Estates, Real or Personal, shall be surrendered and delivered up in pursuance of this Act, shall set up and expose such Estates to Sale, by Way of Public Vendue, in the Presence of One Justice of the Peace, and the Produce arising by such Sale, shall be, by the said Sheriffs, in Manner following, paid and satisfied, (that is to say) after Satisfaction of the aforeaid Imprisonment Fees, that the Estate and Interest of the aforeaid Prisoners respectively, upon which their Judgment Creditors, or any claiming, or that shall claim under them, by Assignment or otherwise, have, or shall have any Lien, or the Produce thereof, shall be in the first Place, after Satisfaction of the Sheriffs as aforeaid, applied to the Discharge of the said Creditors, according to the Order and Priority of their Judgments, and the Lien arising therefrom; and that the Residue of the Estate, and Interest of the said Prisoners, respectively, or the Produce thereof, shall be distributed among all their Creditors that shall apply therefor, within Thirty Days after the aforeaid Sale, in equal Proportion to their Demands.

Bonds, &c.  
belonging to  
the Prisoners  
to be assigned  
to the Sheriff.

X. **And be it further Enacted**, That all the Accounts, Bonds, Notes, and other Demands, which any of the said Prisoners have against any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be by the said Prisoner or Prisoners assigned to the Sheriff, in whose Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be at the Time of their Discharge, and that such Sheriff or Sheriffs, shall and may maintain an Action or Actions on such Demands, as Assignee of such Prisoner or Prisoners, in his own Name. *Provided always*, That such Creditor or Creditors, require and demand such Sheriff to sue, and give to such Sheriff a Bond to indemnify him against any Charge that may accrue to him by Means of any such Suit; and, in case of Recovery, that then the Sheriff make Distribution of what shall be recovered, to the Person or Persons giving him such Security as aforeaid.

Prisoners, if  
Single, to be  
sold for Five  
Years

XI. **And be it Enacted**, *by the Authority aforeaid*, That if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act, are, and shall be of sufficient Ability of Body to Labour, such Person or Persons, not having a Wife or Family, shall be, and are hereby obliged to serve for a Time, not exceeding Five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are, or shall be inclined to purchase the Time or Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors; and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforeaid Debtors, or any of them are, be, and are hereby authorized and obliged, to summon Two Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Persons, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt of this Act, and after giving Five Days Notice at the Court-Houses of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his or their Servitude, to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforeaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforeaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors as aforeaid, is hereby directed to be taken as a full and sufficient Acquittal and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors, before such Sale: *Provided*, That in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison, shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforeaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat Five Years from the Day of their Commitment to Prison: And that in case any such single Persons as aforeaid, have been confined in Prison for Five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons, so confined, shall be discharged upon the same Terms, and in the same Manner, that Persons having Families, are by this Act directed to be discharged.

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