

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 of Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors; and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforesaid 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 Prisoners, as soon as conveniently may be, after the End of this Session of Assembly, 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 aforesaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor, or Debtors as aforesaid, 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 aforesaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat Five Years from the Day of such Offer of Servitude: And, that in case any such single Persons, as aforesaid, 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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An ACT for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers, and Petty Chapmen.

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all, and every Hawker, Pedler, or Petty Chapman, carrying Goods for Sale, from Place to Place, after the First Day of December next, shall, before they trade, barter, or sell, any such Goods, take out Licence from some County Court within this Province, which shall be renewed yearly, and every Year: And, every County Court within this Province, for the Time being, is hereby directed and obliged, upon Application of any such Hawker, Pedler, or Petty Chapman, that doth not appear to such Court, to be of ill Fame, to grant Licence, in the Words following: viz. Licence is hereby granted by County Court, unto A. B. to travel and trade as a Hawker, Pedler, and Petty Chapman, within the Province of Maryland, for the Space and Term of One Year, to commence from the Date hereof, he behaving himself well: Which Licence shall be attested by the Clerk of such Court, under his Hand, and the Seal of the said Court: For which Licence, or Renewal thereof, such Pedler, Hawker, or Petty Chapman, shall pay the Sum of Four Pounds Current Money, to the Sheriff of that County, and also the Sum of Four Shillings Current Money, to the Clerk of such Court, for his Fee, for making out, or renewing such Licence, and making out, and transmitting the Lists hereafter mentioned.

Hawkers, Pedlers, and Petty Chapmen, after the 1st of Dec. to take out Licences, which must be renewed annually;

and to pay 4^l. Current Money, and 4^s. to the Clerk.

II. And be it likewise Enacted, That in case any Hawker, Pedler, or Petty Chapman, shall, after the Time aforesaid, be found travelling with, or exposing, or offering Goods for Sale, within this Province, without first applying

In case of Failure, and found travelling with

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