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Laws devise or require, at the Cost and Charges of such Persons as shall claim the Benefit thereof; so as the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, be not burthened with any Warranties thereby, other then from themselves, or those that claim by, from, or under them. And that the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, and either of them, at the Time of such their Surrender and Transferring their Estate as aforesaid, shall take his or their solemn Oath or Oaths, (or Affirmation if a Quaker) before the said Two Justices of the County aforesaid, to be summoned as aforesaid, to the Effect following, viz.

I A. B. do affirm, or solemnly affirm, That the Goods, Debts, and Effects, which I have delivered, assigned, and made over, to the Sheriff of Saint Mary's County, and in Trust for the use of my Creditors, is the whole Estate both Real and Personal of my own, in Possession, or have any Title to in the World; and that I have not any Estate, Goods, or Effects of any kind whatsoever left, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder (the necessary wearing Apparel for my self, Wife, and Children excepted:) 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 defraud my Creditors, or to secure the same, to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof. So help me God.

It shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and the said Sheriff, is hereby required, to discharge the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, out of his Custody, and to suffer them to go at Large.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, nor any of them, shall hereafter be imprisoned, by Reason of any Judgment or Decree obtained for the Payment of any Debt, Damage, or Cost, or for or by Reason of any Debt, Damage, or Cost contracted, occurred, occasioned, owing, or growing due before the End of this Session of Assembly; but that upon every Arrest on any such Judgment or Decree, or for any such Debt, Damage, or Cost, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge or Justices of the Court, where any Process shall issue, upon Shewing a Duplicate of the Discharge of the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, or any of them, that shall be so arrested, to release and discharge out of Custody, the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, or any of them, that shall be so arrested.

Provided, the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, or any of them, that shall be so arrested, shall and do enter his or their Appearance, or procure some Attorney to appear to every such Action, and plead thereto.

P. 43 Provided, That the Discharge of the said Alexander Simms, and Archibald Johnson, or any of Them, shall not acquit any other