

his or their said Debt, in such Sort, Manner, and Form, as he or they might have done, if the Person or Persons of the said several Prisoners, so discharged as aforesaid, had never been taken in Execution; any Act, Statute, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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And for the better Discovery and Application of the Lands and Effects, which such Debtors may after their Discharge, and by Virtue of this Act, obtain and acquire, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act :

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That on Application of any Creditor or Creditors, of such Debtor or Debtors, to the Justices of any County Court in this Province, it shall and may be lawful, to and for such Justices, to compel such Debtor, or any other Person, if Resident in the County, by Summons or Attachment, to appear before them, and answer upon Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, to such Questions as may be asked them, which may conduce to the Discovery of such Lands or Effects; and the Answers to be made to such Questions, shall be recorded, in the Records of the County Court, where such Questions shall be asked; and shall be allowed as Evidence, in any Court of this Province, where any Suit shall be allowed as Evidence, in any Court of this Province, where any suit shall or may be commenced or prosecuted, for the Recovery of such Lands or Effects, for the Benefit of the Creditors.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, that in case the Sheriff, or any other Person concerned in the Execution of this Act, shall be sued for any Matter or Thing required of them, or either of them, to be done, by Virtue of this Act, that then the said Sheriff, or other Person whom it may concern, may enter a common Appearance, without special Bail, to any such Action or Actions as shall be brought against them, or any of them, and plead thereto the general Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter therein, in Evidence; and that in case the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs commencing or bringing such Action or Actions, as aforesaid, shall be nonsuited, have a Verdict pass against him, or discontinue his Action, the Defendant shall recover against him or them, double Costs of Suits; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That such Prisoner who shall not make a full and exact Discovery, upon any of the Oaths aforesaid, of his or her Debts, Effects, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as aforesaid, shall upon legal Conviction be adjudged a Felon, and suffer Death, without Benefit of Clergy.