

ers shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be delivered up and surrendered, to the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace of the said Counties, whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to Summon, on the request of the said Prisoners, at some convenient Time after the receipt of this Act, not exceeding Thirty Days, all their Real and Personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or in Trust, or in or unto which they have any Claim or Interest whatsoever, and likewise before the Day before mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriffs of *Dorchester, Talbot, Cæcil, and Queen-Anne's* Counties, for the use of the said Creditors, all such their Estate, Interest or Claim as aforesaid, after such manner as by the said Sheriffs, and by the major Part of such Creditors, or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein, or their Council Learned in the Law, shall reasonably devise or require, at the Cost and Charges of the Persons as shall claim Benefit thereof, so as the said Prisoners be not burthened with any Warranties thereby, other than from themselves or those claiming by, from or under them, and that the said Prisoners, at the Time of such their Surrender and Transferring their Estate as aforesaid, shall take their solemn Oaths (or Affirmation if Quakers) before the said Two Justices of the Courts aforesaid, to the Effect following, *Viz.*

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I A. B. do Affirm, or solemnly Swear, that the Goods, Debts and Effects which I have delivered, assigned, and made over to the Sheriff of _____ 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, and Working Tools, 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.

The Oath.

It shall and may be lawful for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, after the end of the said Thirty Days, and the said Sheriffs are hereby required to Discharge the said Prisoners out of their Custody, and suffer them to go at large.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if the said Prisoners, or any of them, shall be hereafter Imprisoned by reason of any Judgment or Decree obtained for the Payment of any Debt, Damage or Cost, contracted, occurred, or occasioned, owing or growing due before the end of this Session of Assembly, upon every such 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 such Process shall issue

To be discharged
from future
Arrests on
Appearance.