

Liber H. S. the Time of the Discharge of the said Prisoners, or any of them, or  
 No. 1 which he or they at any Time hereafter shall or may be any Way  
 seized or possessed of, or interested in, to his or their own Use,  
 or in his or their own proper Right, either in Law or Equity (except  
 the Wearing Apparel and Bedding, or Working Tools of him or  
 them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money). And  
 it shall and may be lawful for any of their Creditors, their Executors,  
 Administrators, and Assigns, to take out new Execution or Execu-  
 tions against the Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, Goods  
 and Chattels of the said Prisoners, or any of them (except as before  
 excepted) for the Satisfaction of his, her, or their Debts, in such  
 Sort, Manner and Form, as he or they might have done if the said  
 Prisoners, or any of them, had not been taken in Execution, or  
 p. 330 discharged by Virtue of this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any  
 Action of Escape be brought against any Sheriff, or any Suit or  
 [Actions of Action against any Justice or Justices, for performing their Duty  
 Escape.] in Pursuance of this Act, he or they may plead the General Issue,  
 and give this Act and the Matter in Evidence: And if the Plaintiff  
 be Nonsuit, or discontinue his Action, or Verdict pass against such  
 Plaintiff, or Judgment upon Demurrer, the Defendant shall have  
 [Proviso.] and recover his full Costs. Provided also, That no thing in this Act  
 shall extend or be construed to extend, to bar any Creditor or Credi-  
 tors of the beforementioned Prisoners from having and maintaining  
 any Action of Escape against any Sheriff who hath permitted any  
 Escape before the making of this Act.

Provided nevertheless, That in Case the said Prisoners, or any  
 of them, shall at any Time after making such his or their Oath or  
 Oaths, or Affirmation or Affirmations, as aforesaid, be convict of  
 wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or Non-  
 [If perjur'd, not to receive any Benefit from this Act.] Compliance with the Tenor of such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, that then the said Prisoners, or any of them, being convicted as aforesaid, shall, upon such Conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him or them by this Act, and shall thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any Debt or Demands whatsoever, in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made; any Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, That the Sheriffs of Worcester, Anne-Arundel,  
 Frederick, Queen-Anne's Baltimore, Saint Mary's, and Prince-  
 George's Counties, shall be first satisfied their Imprisonment Fees,  
 out of the respective Effects of the said Prisoners, before any  
 Creditor or Creditors shall have any Share of the Prisoners Effects;  
 and if the said Prisoners Effects shall not be sufficient to satisfy the  
 Sheriffs their Imprisonment Fees, that then the said Prisoners, and  
 every of them, whose Effects shall not be sufficient to pay and satisfy  
 their Imprisonment Fees as aforesaid, shall satisfy and pay to the  
 [Sheriffs Fees to be first paid.]