Liber H. S. demands as Assignee of such Prisoner or Prisoners in his own name

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Provided always that such Creditor or Creditors require and demand

Such Sheriff to Sue and give to Such Sheriff a Bond to indemnify

him against any Charge that may accrue to him by means of any

such Suit And in Case of Recovery that then the Sheriff make dis
tribution of what shall be recovered to the Person or Persons giving

him Such Security as aforesaid

[Prisoners, if single, to be sold for Five Years]

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act are and shall be of Sufficient ability of Body to Labour, such Person or Persons not having a wife or 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 or 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 Persons as Soon as conveniently may be after the receipt of this Act 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 their Commitment to Prison 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 in the Same Manner that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged.

Dec.r 4.th 1765.
Read and Assented to
By the Lower House of
Assembled
Signed p order
MMacnemara Cl: Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province I Will this Be Law Hor: O Sharpe 5:th Dec.^r 1765. Read and Assented to By the Upper House of Assembly Signed by Order UScott. Cl: Up: Ho:

the great Seal in Wax Appendant