

Liber R. G. shall be in the first Place, after Satisfaction of the Sheriffs, as aforesaid, applied to the Discharge of the said Creditors according to the Order & Priority of their Judgments, & the Lien arising therefrom and that the Residue of the Estate & Interest of the said Prisoners, respectively or the Produce thereof shall be distributed among all their Creditors that shall apply therefor, within thirty Days after the aforesaid Sale, in equal Proportion to their Demands.

[Bonds, &c. belonging to the Prisoners to be assigned to the Sheriff.]
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And be it further enacted That all the Accounts, Bonds, Notes, and other Demands which any of the said Prisoners have against any Person or Persons whatsoever shall be by the said Prisoner or Prisoners, assigned to the Sheriff in whose Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be, at the Time of their Discharge & that such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall & may maintain an Action or Actions, on such Demands, as Assignee of such Prisoner or Prisoners, in his own Name.

[Proviso.] Provided always That such Creditor or Creditors require & demand such Sheriff to sue & give to such Sheriffs a Bond to indemnify him against any Charge that may accrue to him by Means of any such Suit, & in Case of Recovery that then the Sheriff make Distribution 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.]
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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any of the Persons intended to be releived 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 & 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 of Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors & 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 Prisoners as soon as conveniently may be after the End of this Session of Assembly and after giving five Days Notice, at the Court House 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 & the Time of his or their Servitude, to the highest Bidder, & 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 & that their Creditors