

Liber R. G. of such Debtor or Debtors and that the respective Sheriffs in whose
 1773 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 Ten 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
 p. 187 or Debtors in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs subject as afore-
 said 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 such
 offer of Servitude and that in Case any such single Persons as afore-
 said 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 and in the same manner that Persons having Families
 are by this Act directed to be discharged

[Proviso.] Provided always that this Act shall not extend to the discharging
 any Person or Persons herein before mentioned from his her or
 their Imprisonment for, or by reason of any Criminal Matter what-
 soever anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding

By the Lower House of
 Assembly July 2.^d 1773.
 Read and Assented to
 Signed by Order
 Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Behalf of the right
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 Proprietary of this Prov-
 ince I will this be a Law.
 Rob.^t Eden

By the Upper House of
 Assembly July 2.^d 1773.
 Read and assented to
 Signed by Order
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No. 14 An Act for the better regulating Attachments

[Preamble.] Whereas it is found by experience that the Laws now in being
 directing the manner of suing out Attachments are not framed so
 as to afford equal Justice to Creditors but commonly some of the
 Creditors secure their whole Claims whilst others suffer a total Loss
 and frequently doubtful and suspicious Claims take place of honest
 Debts by Contrivance and Fraud between absconding Persons and
 their Friends for remedy whereof for the future