

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that from and after the first day of December next whenever it shall happen that any Person whatsoever of this Province being indebted within this Province shall actually run away abscond or fly from Justice or secretly remove him or herself from his or her place of abode or shall remove or be about to remove any of his or her Effects with Intent to defraud his or her Creditors any one Creditor to whom the said absconding Person is indebted in the sum of fifty Shillings Current Money or four hundred Pounds of Tobacco or upwards over and above all discounts may make application to any Provincial or County Justice and on such Creditors making Oath or affirmation if a Quaker that the said absconding Person is bona fide indebted to him or her in the sum of over and above all Discounts and at the same Time producing the Bond or Bonds Bill or Bills Protested Bill or Bills of Exchange Promissary Note or Notes or other Instrument or Instruments of Writing Account or Accounts by which the said absconding Person is so indebted which Probate or Affirmation as aforesaid shall be indorsed thereon and the said Creditor also making Oath or affirmation as aforesaid that he or she doth know or is credibly informed and verily believes that the said absconding Person is actually run away or fled from Justice or removed from his or her Place of abode or hath removed or is about to remove some of his or her Effects with an Intent to Injure and defraud his or her Creditor or Creditors of their just dues which departure or running away or removal or attempt to remove Effects shall also be proved by one other credible Witness the said Provincial or County Justice on such Oath or Affirmation and such other proof made shall be and is hereby fully authorized and required forthwith to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Provincial or County Court (as the Case may require) to issue an Attachment or Attachments pursuant to this Act upon the receipt of which Warrant together with the proofs on which the same was granted and not otherwise the Clerk of the Provincial or County Court as the case may require shall issue a Writ of Attachment if in the County Court to the sheriff of that County if in the Provincial Court to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County or Counties where the Goods Chattels Books Papers or Effects of such absconding Person shall be suggested to be by such Creditor to Attach seize take and safely keep all the whole Personal Estate of the said absconding Person of what kind or nature soever and every or any part thereof in the said Sheriffs Bailiwick or Bailiwicks respectively to be found with all Evidences Books of Accounts and papers relating thereto which Writ or Writs of Attachment so to be issued the respective Sheriff or Sheriffs to whom the same shall be directed

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[If any Person indebted absconds or removes his Effects, &c. One Creditor may apply to a Provincial or County Justice, &c.]

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[Who is to issue his Warrant to the Clerk, &c. to issue a Writ of Attachment to the Sheriff, &c.]