

whatsoever and likewise Convey Assign Transfer and make over unto the Sheriffs respectively for the use of the said Creditors all such their Estate, Interest or Claim as aforesaid after such manner as by the said Sheriffs and by the Major Part of such Creditors or such of them as shall think fit to direct therein or their Counsel Learned in the Law shall reasonably devise or require at the Costs and Charges of the Persons who shall claim benefit thereof so that the said Prisoners be not burthened with any Warrantees thereby other than against themselves or those claiming by from or under them and that the said Prisoners at the Time of such their Surrender and transferring their Estate as aforesaid shall take their Solemn Oaths (or Affirmation if Quaker) before the said two Justices aforesaid to the Effect following Viz.<sup>t</sup> I. A. B. do affirm or solemnly Swear That the Goods Debts and Effects which I have delivered assigned and made over to the Sherriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County in Trust for the use of my Creditors is the whole Estate both real and Personal of my own in Possession or that I have to my knowledge any title to in the World and that I have not any Estate Goods or Effects of any kind whatsoever left either in Possession Reversion or Remainder the necessary wearing Apparel of myself Wife and Children And working tooles excepted and that I have not directly or Indirectly sold, Leased or otherwise conveyed disposed of or intrusted all or any part of my Estate thereby to defraud my Creditors or to secure the same to receive or expect any Profit or advantage thereof so help me God" it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid to discharge the said Prisoners and suffer them to go at Large.

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[The oath.]

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And be it enacted that if the said Prisoners or any of them shall be arrested or imprisoned on any Process sued out on any Judgment sued out or decree obtained against any of them for any Debt Damages or costs contracted owing or growing due before the end of this Session of Assembly the Court out of which such Process issued shall and may discharge such Prisoner on Motion and if the said Prisoners or any of them shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process for the Recovery of any debt Damages or Costs Contracted owing or growing due before the end of this Session of Assembly the Court or Justice before whom such Process shall be returned shall and may discharge the Party Arrested out of Custody on his or her common appearance being entered without any special Bail Provided that the discharge of the said Prisoners or any of them shall not acquit any other person from such debt. Damage or cost or any part thereof but that all such persons shall be answerable for the same in such manner as they were before the Passing of this Act

[To be discharged from future Arrests on Appearance, &c.]

Provided always and be it enacted that notwithstanding the discharge of the said prisoners or any of them all and every debt or debts due and owing from him her or them and all and every Judg-

[Debts to stand good in Case, &c.]