

STATUTES

Made at WESTMINSTER, *Anno Regni GULIELMI & MARIÆ secundo, sessio prima*, and A. D. 1690.

CAP. V.

An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable time.

Whereas the most ordinary and ready way for Recovery of Arrears of Rent is by Distress, yet such Distresses not being to be sold, but only detained as Pledges for enforcing the payment of such Rent, the Persons distraining have little benefit thereby: For the Remedying whereof,

II. Be it enacted and ordained by the King's and Queen's most Excellent Majesties, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *June*, in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and ninety, that where any **568** *Goods or Chattels shall be distrained for any Rent reserved and due upon any Demise, Lease, or Contract whatsoever, and the Tenant or Owner of the Goods so distrained shall not within Five days next after such Distress taken, and Notice thereof (with the cause of such taking) left at the chief Mansion-house or other most notorious Place on the Premises charged with the Rent distrained for, replevy the same, with sufficient Security to be given to the Sheriff, according to Law, that then in such Case, after such Distress and Notice, as aforesaid, and expiration of the said Five days, the Person distraining shall and may, with the Sheriff or Under Sheriff of the County, or with the Constable of the Hundred, Parish, or Place where such Distress shall be taken (who are hereby required to be aiding and assisting therein) cause the Goods and Chattels so distrained to be appraised by Two Sworn Appraisers (whom such Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Constable are hereby empowered to swear) to appraise the same truly, according to the best of their Understandings; and after such Appraisement shall and