

ing whereof any Rent is or shall be reserved, due, or made payable, shall fraudulently or clandestinely convey away, or carry off from such Premises, his, her, or their Goods or Chattels, **732** *to prevent the Landlord or Lessor, Landlords or Lessors, from distraining the same for arrears of Rent so reserved, due, or made payable; it shall and may be lawful to and for every Landlord or Lessor, Landlords or Lessors, within that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, *Dominion of Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, or any Person or Persons by him, her, or them for that Purpose lawfully impowered, within the Space of Thirty Days next ensuing such conveying away or carrying off such Goods or Chattels as aforesaid, to take and seize such Goods and Chattels, wherever the same shall be found, as a Distress for the said Arrears of Rent; and the same to sell or otherwise dispose of in such Manner, as if the said Goods and Chattels had actually been distrained by such Lessor or Landlord, Lessors or Landlords in and upon such Premises for such Arrears of Rent; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

II. Provided always, That no Landlord or Lessor, or other Person intitled to such Arrears of Rent, shall take or seize any such Goods or Chattels as a Distress for the same, which shall be sold *bona fide*, and for a valuable Consideration, before such Seizure made, to any Person or Persons not privy to such Fraud as aforesaid; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And to deter Tenants from such fraudulent conveying away their Goods and Chattels, and others from wilfully aiding or assisting therein, or concealing the same; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of *June*, if any such Tenant or Lessee shall fraudulently remove and convey away his or her Goods or Chattels, as aforesaid, or if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and knowingly aid or assist any such Tenant or Lessee in such fraudulent conveying away or carrying off of any Part of his or her Goods or Chattels, or in concealing the same; all and every Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Landlord or Landlords, Lessor or Lessors, from whose Estate such Goods and Chattels were fraudulently carried off as aforesaid, double the Value of the Goods by him, her or them respectively carried off or concealed as aforesaid; to be