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son or persons against whom any judgment or decree is or may be obtained, shall come before any one of the judges of the judicial districts within which such person or persons respectively reside, or before any two of the justices of the peace of the county, or before one justice of the peace, on a judgment rendered by a justice of the peace in which such person or persons shall respectively reside, and together with not less than two other persons, such as the said judge, justices or justice (as the case may be) shall approve of, confess judgment for the debt or damages, and costs of suit adjudged or decreed; which confession shall be in manner and form following: "You, A B, C D, and E F, do jointly and severally confess judgment to G H, for the sum of

and costs, which were recovered by the said G H, against the said A B, on the day of in the year one thousand in

in and for Esquire, one of the justices of the peace court, or (as the case may be,) before county; the said sum of money and costs, to be levied of your bodies, goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for the use of the said G H, in case the said A B shall not pay and satisfy to the said G H the said sum of money and costs, so as aforesaid recovered, with additional costs thereon" which confession shall be signed by the judge, justices or justice before whom the same shall be made, and he or they, (as the case may be,) shall immediately on taking the same, grant a certificate thereof under his or their hand and seal, to the party confessing the judgment; and such certificate shall be sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner, or constable, (as the case may be) to forbear serving the execution on the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements of the person so obtaining such certificate.

Persons in execution.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person now in execution, or who hereafter shall be taken in execution, or whose goods or chattels, lands or tenements, are now, or hereafter shall be taken in execution, before the thirty first day of January eighteen hundred and sixteen, shall confess judgment in manner and form above directed, and shall obtain a certificate in manner aforesaid, such certificate so obtained and delivered to the sheriff, coroner or constable, (as the case may be,) shall be a sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, (as the case may be) to release such person or persons from confinement upon that execution, or restore and deliver the goods or chattels, lands or tenements so taken in execution, to the person or persons against whom such execution may have issued, such person or persons giving to the sheriff, coroner or constable, (as the case may be) sufficient security for the poundage or other fees due upon any such execution; and provided, the goods

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