

and thereby disabled for making and tending their Crops, to the great prejudice, if not Ruin of many the Inhabitants of this Province, being thereby left destitute of any means to satisfy their Creditors; for prevention whereof for the future,

Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That after the Tenth Day of May, in any Year, no Execution shall Issue out of any Court of this Province against the Body or Goods of any Person or Persons Inhabiting within this Province, till the Tenth Day of November next, or until the Tenth Day of November in any Year ensuing, for any Debt or Debts, or upon any Action, Judgment or Judgments sued, had or recovered against the Inhabitants of or within this Province, in the Provincial, or any County-Courts of this Province, for any Cause, Matter or Thing whatsoever.

No Execution to Issue after the 10 of May til the 10 of November yearly on any Judgment

In case the Debtor gives security as directed,

Provided, such person or persons against whom any such Judgment is obtained, together with two other Persons, such as the Justices shall approve of, come before one Justice or more, of the Provincial Court or two Justices, or more, of the respective County Courts, where such Judgment is obtained, as aforesaid, and shall confess Judgment for his Debt and Costs of Suit adjudged, with Stay of Execution till the tenth Day of November next, for this present Year, or until the tenth Day of November in any other Year, next following; which Confession is to be made in Manner and Form following, that is to say,

The Form of such security.

YOU H. M. A. B. and C. D do Confess Judgment to E. F. for the Sum of which Sum was recovered by the said E. F. against H. M. on the Day of in the Court, the said to be levied of your Bodies, Goods or Chattles, Lands or Tenements for the Use of the said E. F. in Case the said H. M. shall not pay and satisfie to the said E. F. the said so as aforesaid. Recovered against him, with the Aditonal Costs thereon, on the Tenth Day of November next.

To be signed by the Justices and certified. Which Certificate shall be a Superfedeas.

Which Confession is to be signed by the Justice or Justices before whom such Confession is to be made, and thereof procure Certificate under the Hand of the same Justice or Justices before whom such Judgment shall be confessed, and such Certificate shall be a sufficient Superfedeas to the Sheriff to forbear serving Execution upon the Body or Goods of the Person so obtaining such Certificate.

The party paying imprisonment fees

And if the party be taken in Execution before such Certificate be produced, then such Certificate being obtained afterwards, as aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Superfedeas to the Sheriff to Release such Person out of Prison upon that Execution, the Party paying or giving Security to such Sheriff for his due Fees for that Imprisonment; and the Justice or Justices before whom such Judgment shall be confessed, as aforesaid, shall return the said Judgment, so confessed, to the Clerks of the Respective Courts where the first Judgment was first obtained to be entered upon Record, for which Entry the Clerk shall receive as a Fee Five Pounds of Tobacco, and no more; and that after the said Tenth Day of November, it shall be lawful to take out Execution upon the Judgment

The security of judgment so confessed to be returned & entred on Record.

After the 10th of November new Execution may Issue without scire facias or other delay.

Confest, as aforesaid, without any Scire Facias, or any other Delay against either the Principal or the Security, or all or either of them, for such Judgment so Confest, as aforesaid, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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