

See *Administration bonds*, 1—*continuance of actions*, 3—*chancellor*, 24, 25—*execution*, 5.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

1. IF any person, who shall after the 1st day of Oct. next, be committed or charged in execution, or for want of special bail, at any time after he or she shall have actually remained in prison, 20 days on such commitment or charge, shall petition any three justices of the peace of the county wherein detained, for his or her discharge, such justices shall thereupon appoint a time for their meeting, not less than 30, nor exceeding 40 days thereafter, at the court house for said county, or gaol in which he or she shall be so detained, for his or her discharge, and their said appointment shall certify in writing to the sheriff in whose custody he or she shall be, who shall 20 days before the time appointed for such meeting, affix one copy of the said certificate at the door of the county clerk's office, and another copy thereof at the prison door of his county, at which said day, the said justices, or two of them, as well as the sheriff, shall attend at the court house or prison, and the sheriff shall produce the body of such prisoner, and also make known the cause of imprisonment, and the time imprisoned—1774, c. 28, § 1.

2. And if it shall appear to the said justices, that such person hath been imprisoned as aforesaid, and it doth not appear from the cause of imprisonment, or by the allegation upon oath of the creditors, that the debts due and owing from him or her amount to 200l. sterling, then such prisoner may deliver to the sheriff a schedule of his or her whole estate, debts and credits, and to the justices a duplicate thereof, which schedule and duplicate shall be subscribed by such prisoner before the justices, who shall thereto subscribe as witnesses; and the same justices shall, at the request of such prisoner, administer to him or her the following oath or affirmation, that is to say: "I, A, B, do affirm, or solemnly swear, that the
 " schedule which I have delivered to the sheriff of — county, doth
 " contain a full account, to the best of my knowledge and remembrance,
 " of my whole estate, both real and personal, or that I have any title to
 " or interest in, and of all debts, credits and effects whatsoever, which I,
 " or any in trust for me, have, or at the time of my petition had, or am
 " or was in any respect entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion;
 " and that I have not, directly or indirectly, at any time since my impris-
 " sonment, or before, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed, disposed of,
 " or intrusted, all or any part of my estate, goods, stock money or debts,
 " thereby to defraud my creditors, or to secure the same to receive or ex-
 " pect any profit or advantage thereof—so help me God." Which said duplicate shall be by the said justices transmitted to the clerk of their county court, to be by him preserved in his office for the information of the creditors of such prisoner.—*ibid.*