

tors as shall apply for the same thereafter, the debt or debts due from such prisoner to him, her or them, so as the said last mentioned creditors be paid in equal proportion to his, her or their demands—*ibid.*  
§ 4.

6. And in case such prisoner shall be liable, on a future breach of contract entered into, before his or her discharge, the person or persons being entitled as a creditor or creditors, under such breach, shall receive his or her satisfaction rateably of the creditors, who shall have received the whole or a proportion of the debts due to them on such distribution; and to prevent persons who may be committed or charged in execution, or for want of special bail, from lying in prison until they have spent their substance, wherewith they should satisfy their creditors, and afterwards taking the benefit of this act, no person who shall be so committed or charged, shall be allowed to exhibit a petition for the purpose aforesaid, unless exhibited within 60 days after his or her commitment, charged in execution, or for want of special bail—*ibid.*

7. After delivering in such schedule and duplicate, and taking such oath or affirmation, and transmission as aforesaid, the said justices shall, by their order in writing, command the sheriff forthwith to set at liberty such prisoner, and if any action shall be commenced against any sheriff or justice for performing his duty in pursuance of this act, he may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.—*ibid.* § 5.

8. But notwithstanding such discharge, any creditor or creditors, at whose suit such insolvent was imprisoned, may at any time afterwards, sue out a writ of *feri facias*, or attachment, against any lands or tenements, goods or chattels, which such insolvent person shall acquire or be possessed of, by descent, gift, devise, bequest, or in a course of distribution on any judgment obtained against such prisoner, without previously prosecuting any writ of *scire facias*, whereby the balance only remaining due on such judgment shall be levied.—*ibid.* § 6.

9. If the said prisoner shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process sued out on any judgment or decree obtained against him or her, for any debt, damages or costs, contracted, owing or growing due, before his or her discharge, the court may discharge such prisoner on motion: and if arrested for the recovery of any debt, damages or costs, contracted, &c. before his or her discharge as aforesaid, the court or justice, may discharge the party arrested on common appearance, without special bail; provided, that the discharge of the said prisoner shall not acquit any other person from such debt, &c.—*ibid.* § 7.

10. But in case any creditor or creditors of such prisoner shall, appear at the prison or court house, before the same prisoner is discharged,  
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