

appearing do not shew cause by the said Justices to be taken why such prisoner should not be discharged and will not consent to discharge of such prisoner but Insist to have such prisoner detained and kept longer in prison. That then such Creditor shall before such Justices or any three of them as aforesaid give good Security to pay and allow to such prisoner the Sum of Twenty pounds of lawfull money of the King for his maintenance in prison. And if within the space of Sixty days after such Security given such Creditor do not make it appear the debtor had any Estate which he did not bring to light and render an account of to the said Justices or shall refuse longer to continue such allowance that then it shall and may be lawfull for such Justices or any three of them as aforesaid to discharge such prisoner out of prison which Discharge signed and sealed by the said Justices or any three of them as aforesaid shall save harmless every Sheriffe or Goaler out of whose Custody any such prisoner shall be released or discharged and the said Justices or any three of them as aforesaid shall give unto such prisoner a duplicate of such discharge. Provided alwaies that this act nor any thing therein contained shall discharge or be construed to discharge any bond or bill obligatory or Bills of Exchange where any Person or Persons is or are jointly or severally bound or obliged with such Debtor or any other Security given for payment of any Debt but the Person of the debtor only nor any Debt or offence due to her Majesty the Queen.

And be it further enacted by the authority advice and consent aforesaid that if any prisoner so as aforesaid discharged shall be arrested againe for any Debt already contracted or hereafter during the continuance of this act to be contracted such prisoner upon shewing the duplicate of his discharge as aforesaid and summoning the plaintiffe or Creditor his attorney or agent before any two Justices whereof one to be of the Quorum shall be by such Justices discharged from such arrest upon an appearance given. And the Person of such Debtor shall be for ever free and cleared discharged from such Debts by such arrest upon meane process or otherwise howsoever. And be it further enacted by the authority advice and consent aforesaid that if any Person Sheriffe Goaler or Creditor shall refuse to obey such order of such Justices or any three of them as aforesaid such Person Sheriffe Goaler or Creditor shall be fined by the said Justices for every such offence the Sum of ten pounds Sterling to be disposed of at the Justices at their next County Courts shall direct.