

(36) Of the aforesaid Thomas Dent wearing apparell for himself wife and  
children bedding for himself and family with necessary working Tools for their  
Occupation or Trade and what may be necessary for their Subsistence and Exceeding  
the Value of Ten pounds Current Money only Excepted for the satisfaction of his  
or their said Debts in such sort manner and form as he or they might have done  
if the person of the said Thomas Dent so discharged as aforesaid had never been taken  
in Execution any Act Statute or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding And be  
it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with the advice and Consent  
aforesaid that in case the said Sheriff shall be sued for any matter or thing required  
of him to be done by this Act that then the said Sheriff may enter a Common  
Appearance without special Bail to any such action or actions as shall be  
brought against him and plead thereto the generall Issues and quod non Act or  
the Demurrer thereto with the special matter arising thereon in evidence  
and that if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs commencing or bringing such action or  
actions as aforesaid shall be nonsuit, the defendant or defendants shall recover  
against him or them double cost of Suit any Law Statute, usage or Custom  
to the Contrary notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the authority  
advice and Consent aforesaid that the Sheriff aforesaid shall after such Delivery  
up and Surrender as aforesaid give publick notice at the Churches Court houses  
and Mills within the said County of some precise time by him the said Sheriff  
and the said two Justices to be appointed for the distribution of the Effects of the  
said Thomas Dent not less then twenty Days after the making of the said Sur-  
render and shall then and there in the presence of two Justices as aforesaid  
and by their advice and Directions make distribution of the estate of the  
said Thomas Dent so as aforesaid to be Surrendered delivered up or transferred  
amongst such of his Creditors only as shall then by themselves or their  
Attorney or attorneys think fitt to be present at such distribution by an  
equal and proportionable distribution thereof to every such Creditor with  
respect had and in proportion to the largeness of his or her debt & save that  
Master John Courts William Hoshins and Ledstone Smallwood three of  
the Creditors of the said Thomas Dent at whose Suit the said Dent is now  
in Execution be first allowed and paid out of the Effects so as aforesaid -  
Surrendered up the sume of Forty pounds Sterling each of them in full  
of their claim against the said Thomas Dents Estate and the Residue if  
any to be distributed as aforesaid the proceedings of the said Justices and  
Sheriff in that behalf to be certified to the County Court aforesaid and there  
lodged for the perusal of any of the Creditors of the Debtor aforesaid that shall  
require the same and without any fee to be paid thereon or for such lodging  
thereof saving the right of the right Honourable the Lord Proprietors his heirs  
and Successors and of all Bodies Politick and Corporate and all others not  
mentioned in this Act. Provided nevertheless <sup>that</sup> in case the said Thomas  
Dent or his said wife shall at any time after the making such Oath  
as aforesaid be convicted of willfull and corrupt Perjury thereupon or of  
a willfull Breach or non Compliance with the tenors of such Oath that  
then the said Thomas Dent or his said wife shall upon such Conviction  
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