

Justice of the Peace and the Justices of the Peace of the County of ...
 and the Authority of the same that the Justice and
 Justices in the County of ...
 are hereby empowered authorized and
 required upon the Petition to them preferred of any poor
 prisoner for Debt to be discharged to call and cause to come
 before them or any three of them whosoever to be of the Quorum
 any Debtor or Debtors who at any time after the end of this present
 Session of Assembly shall be actually in Prison or Custody of
 any Sheriff or Goaler within this Province for any Debt or
 damages or upon any Attachment or Execution or any process
 issued or issuing by any legal Authority for any Debt or damages
 as also the Sheriff or Goaler in whose Custody such Debtors are
 detained with the cause of such the Detainers before which said
 Justice or any three of them as aforesaid shall take
 the following Oath (or affirmation if a Quaker) "I A. B. do
 upon my Corporal Oath solemnly profess and declare before
 Almighty God that I have not any Estate real or personal in
 possession Reversion or Remainder of the value of forty Shillings
 in the whole or sufficient to pay the Debt or damages for
 which I am imprisoned and that I have not directly or
 indirectly sold leased or otherwise conveyed disposed of or
 intrusted all or any part of my Estate thereby to secure the
 same to receive or expect any profit or advantage thereof or
 defrauded or devised any Creditor or Creditors whatsoever to whom
 I stand indebted" Then after the taking such Oath or affirmation
 as aforesaid the said Justice as aforesaid shall remand the
 Prisoner to prison and shall give a Certificate in writing under
 their hands and Seals to such prisoner of his having taken such
 Oath or affirmation as aforesaid before them to be served upon
 or left at the usual place of abode of such person or persons or
 their Attorneys or agents in the County or Province if not Resident
 at whose Suit such prisoner standeth charged and imprisoned
 thereby appointing as well the said person or persons as the said
 Prisoner to appear before the said Justice at the next Court to be
 holden for the said County when if it shall appear upon Oath
 (which Oath the Justice are empowered to administer) the said
 Certificate was so served or left forty days or more before the said
 Court and that the said Oath taken by the said prisoner be not
 disproved by good and sufficient Testimony then the said Justice
 being satisfied therewith shall direct their warrant under their

(hand)