

said *John Smith*, suspected to conceal, or be privy to the Concealment of any Part of his the said *John Smith's* Goods or Effects of any kind whatsoever; and them examine, upon Oath, (or Affirmation if a Quaker,) touching or concerning such Concealment, or Suspicion thereof, in the best Manner they can devise, in order to obtain a fair and full Surrender of the same. And in Case any Person shall refuse to make such Oath, (or Affirmation, if a Quaker) that then the said Justices shall, and may commit such Person to Prison, that shall refuse to make such Oath, until they shall comply therewith. It shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff aforesaid, after the said Twenty Days; and he is hereby required to discharge the Person of the said *John Smith* out of his Custody, and suffer him to go at Large: And the Person of the said *John Smith* so as aforesaid discharged out of the Custody of the Sheriff, and suffered to go at Large, shall never more be liable to be taken in Execution, for or upon the Account of any Debts, Dues or Demands of what Nature soever, that, at the Time of making this Act, were due from the said *John Smith*, to any of his Creditors.

*PROVIDED ALWAYS, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That notwithstanding the Discharge of the Person of the aforesaid John Smith, upon taking the Oath aforesaid, all and every Judgment now had and taken, or that shall hereafter be had and taken against the aforesaid John Smith, by any of his Creditors, or any Debt or Debts now owing and due from him to any of his Creditors, shall be and stand good and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, against the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattles, that the said John Smith so discharged as aforesaid, shall hereafter acquire and come to the Possession of in his own Right only: And it shall and may be lawful to and for the Creditors of the said John Smith so discharged as aforesaid, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to take out any new Execution against the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattles of the aforesaid John Smith, (the wearing Apparel for himself, Wife, and Children, Bedding for himself and Family, with necessary working Tools for their Occupation, Trade, and what may be necessary for their Subsistence, not 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 John Smith 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 the General Issue, and give this Act, or the Exemplification thereof, with the special Matter thereon arising 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 Costs of Suit. Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

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