

Commissioners do transmit to His Lordship's Agent, an Account of all Lots taken up, pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

SAVING, to His most Sacred Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, His Heirs and Successors, and to all Bodies Politick and Corporate, and all Persons not mentioned in this Act, their several and respective Rights; any thing in this Act, to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding.

An ACT for the Relief of Prisoners for Debt.

WHEREAS, many Persons, by Losses, and other Misfortunes, by the necessary Charge of a numerous Family, or by inevitable Losses or Misfortunes, deserving the Compassion of Mankind, and not having been guilty of fraudulent and deceitful Practices, become incapable of paying their whole Debts; and though willing to make the utmost Satisfaction they can, may be detained in Prison, by their too rigid and severe Creditors: And whereas, such unhappy Debtors, have always been deemed the proper Objects of Publick Compassion; for the Relief, therefore, of such unhappy Debtors, who shall faithfully discover upon Oath, and deliver up and assign all their Estates and Effects whatsoever, for the Benefit of their Creditors,

BE it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the several and respective Justices of the several County Courts of this Province, be, and are hereby empowered, authorized, and required, upon the Petition to them preferred, of such poor Prisoner for Debt or Damage, to be discharged, to call, and cause to come before them, or any Three of them, whereof One to be of the Quorum, such 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 Detainer; before which said Justices, or any Three of them, as aforesaid, such Prisoner 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 at any Time since the Debt or Damage aforesaid became due, 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 defraud or deceive any Creditor or Creditors whatsoever, to whom I stand indebted.

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