

THEN, after the taking such Oath, or Affirmation, as aforesaid, the said Justices, 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 Attorney 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 Justices, at the next Court to be holden for the said County; when if it shall appear upon Oath, (which Oath the Justices are impowered 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 Justices being satisfied therewith, and that the Poverty and Inability of such Debtor, did not proceed from their having been guilty of fraudulent and deceitful Practices, shall direct their Warrant under their Hands and Seals, commanding the said Sheriff, Goaler, or Keeper of the Prison, to set at Liberty and discharge the said Prisoner, if imprisoned for the Causes aforesaid, and no other, without paying any thing for Imprisonment Fees for the present; but the Sheriff or Coroner, shall be paid such Fees, out of what shall arise by the Servitude of such Prisoner, if sold, preferable to any other Creditor: Which Warrant shall be a sufficient Discharge to the same Sheriff, Goaler, or Keeper of the Prison; and no Action of Escape, or other Action, shall be brought against them, or any of them, for the same, in any wise.

AND forasmuch as some Persons being Prisoners, and petitioning as aforesaid to be relieved; cannot take the aforesaid Oath, or Affirmation, by Reason of their having some Estate, Goods, Debts, or Effects, though not being sufficient to pay his or their Debts, which the Prisoner or Prisoners are willing to yield, surrender, and give up, to the Use of his or their Creditors, equally to be divided amongst them, *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid,* That any such Prisoner or Prisoners, that shall actually yield, surrender, and give up, to the Use of all his Creditors, equally to be divided amongst them accordingly, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, in case such Prisoner or Prisoners, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation to the same Effect:

**I** A. B. do solemnly swear, in the Presence of Almighty GOD, That the Inventory by me delivered to the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County, a Copy of which Inventory I have now delivered to the Justices of \_\_\_\_\_ County Court, with my Petition to that Court, doth contain a full and just Account of my real and personal Estate, Debts, Credits, Goods, and Effects, which I am ready to deliver up, assign, and make over, to such Trustee or Trustees, as my Creditors shall think fit to make Choice of, or in case my Creditors should not meet, or choose a Trustee, to the Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County, in Trust for the Use of my Creditors, is the whole Estate, whether real or personal, which I have, or have any Title to in the World; and that I have not any Estate, Debts, Credits, Goods, or Effects of any kind whatsoever left, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, (the necessary wearing Apparel for my self, Wife, and Children, and the Tools or Instruments of my Trade or Calling, not exceeding Ten Pounds Current Money in Value, in the Whole, only excepted;) and that I have not directly or indirectly, at any Time since my becoming so indebted,