

the Creditors, in Proportion to their Debts, after Deduction of the Fees due to the Sheriff or Coroner, for serving the Execution or Imprisonment Fees, which shall be paid in the first Place to the said Sheriff, or Coroner.

*PROVIDED* always, That this Act shall not extend to discharge any Person from any Debt due to, or Suit of, the Crown, or from any Debt or Damage due to, or claim from, the Lord Proprietary, for his own Use or Benefit.

*AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Sale, or Sales, that shall be made by the said Trustee, or Trustees, Sheriff, or Coroner aforesaid, of such Debtors Estate, as aforesaid, shall be good and valid in Law; and bar the Debtor, and his and their Heirs, and all others claiming under them, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever.

not to be discharged until debts are owing

*AND* be it further Enacted, That no Prisoner shall be discharged out of Prison, until he shall declare upon Oath or Affirmation, as aforesaid, before the Justices as aforesaid, what Debts are owing to him, or them, to the best of his or their Remembrance, a Schedule whereof shall be made by the said Justices, or Clerk of the County Court; and the Creditors or such of them as will join, shall be, and are hereby impowered to sue for the same, in the Prisoner's Name, saving him harmless from all Cost and Damages; and after Recovery of all or any such Debts, they shall be by the said Trustee, or Trustees, or Sheriff aforesaid, applied towards Satisfaction of such Creditors who sued, or was at the Charge of recovering the same.

*PROVIDED* nevertheless, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, That if any Person, or Persons, not having Wife or Children to maintain, being Prisoners, as aforesaid, and petitioning to be relieved by this Act, shall be of an handy-craft Trade, and of Ability of Body to follow the same, or having no Trade, is otherwise of Strength and Ability of Body to labour; and that either of their Creditors are willing to accept of their Service, in Satisfaction of their Debts, or Part thereof, to be divided amongst the Creditors, as aforesaid; or that any other Person will accept thereof, and discharge them from the Creditors, for any Length of Time, not exceeding Seven Years; every such Person refusing to make Satisfaction to their Creditors, by Servitude, in Manner aforesaid, shall not be allowed to reap any Advantage by this Act: But then it shall and may be lawful, in every such Case, for the Justices of the respective Counties, where the said Debtor or Debtors are actually in Prison, upon Application to the Justices, by any Creditor or Creditors of such Debtor, Notice being affixed at the Court-house Door the Court preceeding such Application, to oblige such Debtor to become a Servant to any Person who shall employ him, and who shall find and provide necessary Cloaths, Meat, Drink, Washing, and Lodging for such Debtor, for so long Time as may be sufficient to satisfy and pay the Debt or Debts by him due or owing, or such Part thereof as can be raised by the Servitude of such Person, so as no such Debtor shall be obliged to serve longer than Seven Years; and the Money or Tobacco arising thereby, to be applied towards discharging the Claim or Claims of their Creditor or Creditors so applying, proportionably, according to their several Demands; any thing herein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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