

sufficient ability of Body to Labour, such Person or Persons, not having a Wife or Family, shall be and are hereby obliged to Serve a Term not exceeding Five Years, to any Person or Persons who are or shall be inclinable to purchase the Time and Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors as aforesaid, and that the respective Sheriffs in whole Custody the aforesaid Persons, or any of them, are, he, and are hereby, authorized, impowered and obliged, at the first County Court to be held for their respective Counties next after the end of this Session, and during the Time of Court sitting, by order of such Court, to publish the Sale of such Debtor, and the Time of his Servitude, and the same may and are hereby obliged to sell or dispose of to the highest Bidder, and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor in the hands of such respective Sheriff as aforesaid, subject to an equal distribution to the Creditors of such Debtor or Debtors, and such Sheriff is hereby obliged to distribute the same in equal proportion to such Creditors accordingly.

Prisoners to be Sold.

*Provided always,* That any such Debtor or Debtors being Single and subjected to Serve as aforesaid, and being Sold for that purpose, that then and in such case such Sale and Service is hereby deemed a full and sufficient acquittal and discharge against all Debts due from such Person or Persons, before such Sale and Servitude as aforesaid; any thing in this Act, or any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Proviso.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That before *Michael Taylor*, one of the Prisoners intended to be relieved by this Act, shall be relieved and discharged from his Imprisonment by virtue of this Act, he the said *Michael Taylor* shall enter into a Recognizance to the Lord Proprietor in the Sum of *Two Hundred Pound* Currency, and also find two good and sufficient Inhabitants of this Province, who shall, on behalf of the said *Michael Taylor*, enter before one Provincial Justice of this Province, or two Justices of *Prince George's County Court*, into a Recognizance or Recognizances to the Lord Proprietary, in the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Current Money each, with a Condition or Defeazance that he the said *Michael Taylor* shall keep the Peace and be of good Behaviour towards all his Majesty's Subjects, and particularly towards *William Mauduit* of the said *Prince George's County*, for and during the Term of Five Years.

Security for the good Behaviour of *Michael Taylor* required, before he be releas'd.