

Persons intended to be relieved by this Act, if perjured, not to receive any benefit therefrom.

his Affirmation or Affirmations, as aforesaid, be convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or Noncompliance with the tenor of such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, that then the said Prisoners, or any of them, being Convicted as aforesaid, shall upon such Conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him, her or them by this Law, and shall from thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any Debt or Demands whatsoever, in the same manner as if this Act had never been made; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sheriff's Fees to be first paid.

*Provided always*, That the Sheriffs of *Anne-Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Talbot, Charles, Queen-Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, and Cæcil*, Counties, shall be first satisfied their Imprisonment Fees, out of the respective Effects of the said Prisoners, before any Creditor or Creditors shall have any share of the Prisoners Effects, and if the said Prisoner's Effects shall not be sufficient to satisfy the Sheriffs their Imprisonment Fees, that then the said Prisoners, or any of them, shall Satisfy and Pay to the Sheriff the residue of their Imprisonment Fees; Provided that the said Sheriffs shall not Prosecute, Detain or Imprison the said Prisoners, or any of them, within Two Years after his or their Releasement; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prisoners to be Sold if unmarried, &c.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any of the Persons intended to be Relieved by this Act, are and shall be of sufficient Ability of Body to Labour, such Person or Persons, being unmarried and having no 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 whose Custody the aforesaid Persons, or any of them, are, be, and are hereby, authorized, empowered and obliged, at the first County Court to be held for their respective Counties next after the end of this Sessions, and during the Time of Court sitting, by Order of such Court, to publish the Sale of such Debtor, and the Time of his or her 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.

Proviso.

*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.

*And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That whatever Estate, whether Real or Personal, any of the Prisoners aforesaid shall surrender or give up to any of the Sheriffs in whose Custody they are or shall be at the Time of their or any of their Discharge, shall, by the Sheriff or Sheriffs in whose Custody such Prisoner or

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