

Provided that the said Sheriffs shall not Prosecute, Detain or Imprison the said Prisoners, or any of them, within Two Years after his or her Releasement; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

*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, to be adjudged by the Justices of the County-Court, 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 whole 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, the Sheriffs Fees being first deducted, shall be as Effects of such Debtor in the hands of such respective Sheriffs 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 if unmarried.

*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.

Provided

*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 whole Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be, in the Presence of One Magistrate of the particular County where such Prisoner shall be Discharged, be exposed to Public Sale, and Sold to the highest Bidder; and that after the same be done, and the Sheriff and Sheriffs are paid, or secured to be paid, their Fees, the residue be applied to the Creditors of such Prisoner or Prisoners that shall apply therefore within Twenty Days after the said Sale, in equal proportion to their Demands.

Their Estates likewise to be sold.

*And be it further Enacted,* That all such Accounts, Bonds, Notes, or other Demands, any of the said Prisoner or Prisoners have against any Person or Persons whatsoever, be, by the said Prisoner or Prisoners Assigned to the Sheriff in whole Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be or are at the Time of their Discharge, and that such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall and may maintain an Action or Actions on such Demands, as Assignee of such Prisoner or Prisoners in his own Name.

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