

ment or Decree obtained for the Payment of any Debt, Damage or Cost, contracted, occurred, or occasioned, owing or growing due before the End of this Session of Assembly, upon every or any such Arrest, on any such Judgment or Decree or for any such Debt, Damage or Cost, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge or Justices of the Court where any such Process shall issue, upon the said *Hull's* producing a Duplicate of his Discharge as aforesaid, to release and discharge the said *Daniel Hull* out of Custody, provided the said *Daniel Hull* being so arrested, shall and do enter his Appearance, or procure some Attorney to appear to every such Action and plead thereto. *And provided*, That the Discharge of the said *Daniel Hull* shall not acquit any other Person from such Debt, Damage or Cost, or any Part thereof, but that all such Persons shall be answerable for the same in such Manner as they were before the passing of this Act.

To be discharged from future Arrests on Appearance, &c.

IV. *PROVIDED* always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That notwithstanding the Discharge of the said *Daniel Hull*, all and every Debt or Debts, due and owing from him, and all and every Judgment had, or Decree obtained against him, shall stand and be good and effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purposes, against the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels of him the said *Daniel Hull*, and which he, or any other Person in Trust for his Use, had at the Time of the Discharge of him the said *Daniel Hull*, or which he at any Time hereafter shall or may be any way seized or possessed of, or interested in, to his own Use, or in his own proper Right, either in Law or Equity, (except his wearing Apparel, and Bedding, or working Tools, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money,) and it shall and may be lawful for any of his Creditors, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to take out new Execution or Executions against the Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, of the said *Daniel Hull*, (except as before excepted,) for the Satisfaction of his or their Debts, in such Sort, Manner and Form, as he, or they, might have done if the said *Daniel Hull* had not been taken in Execution, or discharged by Virtue of this Act.

Debts to stand good in Case, &c.

V. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action of Escape be brought against the Sheriff, or any Suit or Action against any Justice or Justices, for the performing their Office in Pursuance of this Act, he or they may plead the General Issue, and give this Act, and the special Matter, in Evidence, and if the Plaintiff be Nonsuit, or discontinue his Action, or Verdict pass against such Plaintiff, or Judgment upon Demurrer, the Defendant shall have and recover his full Costs.

Actions of Escape,

VI. *PROVIDED* also, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to bar any Creditor or Creditors of the aforesaid *Daniel Hull*, from having and maintaining any Action of Escape, against any Sheriff who hath permitted any Escape before the making of this Act.

Proviso.

VII. *PROVIDED* nevertheless, That in Case the said *Daniel Hull* shall, at any Time after taking such his Affirmation as aforesaid, be convicted of wilfully and corruptly affirming falsely, or of a wilful Breach or Noncompliance with the Tenor of such Affirmation as aforesaid, that then the said *Daniel Hull*, being convicted as aforesaid, shall, upon such Conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to be given him by this Act, 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.

If perjur'd not to receive any Benefit from this Act.

VIII. *PROVIDED* always, That the Sheriff of *Talbot County* shall be first paid his Imprisonment Fees, out of the Effects of the said *Daniel Hull*, before any Creditor or Creditors shall have any Share of his Effects, and if the Effects of the said *Daniel Hull* shall not be sufficient to satisfy the Sheriff his Imprisonment Fees, that then, the said *Daniel Hull* shall be obliged to satisfy

Sheriff's Fees to be first paid.