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that I have not directly or indirectly, fold, leased, or otherwise conveyed, disposed of, or intrusted, all, or any Part of my Estate, thereby to defraud my Creditors, or to secure the same to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof: So help me GOD. It shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, after the End of the said Five Days, and the faid Sheriff is hereby required to discharge the said John Shubbard

out of his Custody, and suffer him to go at large.

III. AND be it further Enasted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if To be disthe said John Shubbard, shall hereaster be imprisoned by Reason of any stuture Arrests Judgment or Decree obtained for the Payment of any Debt, Damage or Cost, on Appearcontracted, occurred, or occasioned, owing or growing due before the End of ance, &c. this Session of Assembly, upon every 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 County Court where any such Process shall issue, upon shewing a Duplicate of the Discharge of the said John Shubbard, being so arrested, to Release and Discharge out of Custody the said John Shubbard, provided the faid John Shubbard being so arrested, shall and do enter his Appearance, or procure some Attorney to appear to every such Action and plead thereto. Provided, That the Discharge of the said John Shubbard 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 fuch Manner as they were before the passing this Act.

IV. PROVIDED always, and be it Enacted, by the Authority Debts to stand aforesaid, That notwithstanding the Discharge of the said John Shubbard, good in Case, 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 John Shubbard, and which he, or any other Perlon in Truft for his Use, had at the Time of his Discharge, or which he at any Time hereaster shall or may be seized or possessed of, or interested in, to his own Use, or in his proper Right, either in Law or Equity (except the Wearing Apparel and Bedding, or Working Tools, of him the faid John Shubbard, 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 John Shubbard (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 John Shubbard had not been taken in Execution, or discharged by Virtue of this Ac.

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

dant shall have and recover his full Costs.

VI. PROVIDED, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be con- proviso. strued to extend, to bar any Creditor or Creditors of the aforesaid John Shubhard, from having and mainteining any Action of Escape against any Sheriff, who hath permitted any Elcape, before the making of this Act.

VII. PROVIDED nevertheless, That in Case the said John Shub- If perjur'd, bard shall, at any Time after making such his Oath or Oaths, as aforesaid, not to receive be convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or from this Act. Non-compliance with the Tenor of such Oath, that then the said John Shubbard, being convict as aforelaid, shall, upon such Conviction as aforelaid,