

“ and made over to the Sheriff of _____ County, and in trust for the Use of my
 “ Creditors, is the whole Estate both Real and Personal of my own in Possession,
 “ or that I have any Title to in the World, and that I have not any Estate, Goods,
 “ or Effects of any Kind whatsoever, left either in Possession, Reversion or Re-
 “ mainder, (the necessary wearing Apparel of myself, Wife and Children, and
 “ working Tools, excepted) and that I have not directly or indirectly sold, 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 law-
 ful for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, after the End of the said five
 Days, and they are hereby required to discharge the said Prisoners, and suffer
 them to go at large.

To be dis-
 charged from
 future Arrests
 on appear-
 ance, &c.

III. **And be it further Enacted**, That if the said Prisoners, or any of them,
 shall be arrested or imprisoned on any Process sued out on any Judgment or
 Decree obtained against any of them, for any Debt, Damages or Costs con-
 tracted, owing or growing due before the End of this Session of Assembly,
 the Court out of which such Process issued, shall and may discharge such
 Prisoner, on Motion. And if the said Prisoners, or any of them, shall be ar-
 rested or imprisoned on any Process, for the Recovery of any Debt, Damages,
 or Costs contracted, owing or growing due before the End of this Session of
 Assembly, the Court or Justice before whom such Process shall be returned,
 shall and may discharge the Party arrested out of Custody, on his or her com-
 mon Appearance, being entered without any special Bail. Provided, That
 the Discharge of the said Prisoners, or any of them, 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 this Act.

Debts to
 stand good in
 Case, &c.

IV. **Provided always, and be it Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That
 notwithstanding the Discharge of the said Prisoners, or any of them, all and
 every Debt or Debts, due and owing from him, her or them, and all and
 every Judgment had, or Decree obtained, against him, her or them, 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,
 her, or them, and which he, she or they, or any other Person in Trust for
 the Use of him, her or them, had at the Time of the Discharge of the said
 Prisoners, or any of them, or which he, she or they, at any Time hereafter,
 shall or may be any Way seized or possessed of, or interested in, to his, her
 or their own Use, or in his, her or their own proper Right, either in Law
 or Equity, (except the wearing Apparel, Bedding, and working Tools, of
 him, her or them, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money),
 and it shall and may be lawful for any of their Creditors, their Executors,
 Administrators or Assigns, to take out new Execution, or Executions, with-
 out any *Scire facias* previous thereto, against the Lands Tenements or other
 Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattels of the said Prisoners, or any of them (ex-
 cept as before excepted) for the Satisfaction of his, her, or their Debts, in such
 Sort, Manner, and Form, as he, she or they might have done if the said Priso-
 ners, or any of them, had not been taken in Execution, or discharged, by
 virtue of this Act.

Actions of
 Escape.

V. **And be it further Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any
 Action of Escape be brought against any Sheriff, or any Suit or Action,
 against any Justice or Justices, for their performing their Duty 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 dis-
 continue his Action, or Verdict pass against such Plaintiff, or Judgment upon
 Demurrer, the Defendant shall have and recover double Costs.

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