

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

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XII.
Proviso, as to
Escape.

VII. **Provided** nevertheless, That in case any of the said Prisoners, shall, at any Time after making such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, be convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a wilful Breach or Non-compliance with the Tenor of such Oath, or Affirmation; as aforesaid; that then the said Prisoner, shall upon such Conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him, her, or them, 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.

In case of
Perjury.

VIII. **Provided** also, That the respective Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, shall be first paid and satisfied their Imprisonment Fees, before any Creditor or Creditors shall have or receive any Share or Part of the Estates of the said Prisoners, respectively, or of the Produce thereof.

Sheriffs fees
to be first
paid.

IX. **And be it further Enacted**, That after Public Notice given, by Advertisements set up at the Court-House Door of the County, Thirty Days at the least, of the Sale of any of the said Prisoners Lands, and Five Days at the least, of the Sale of any of the said Prisoners other Estate, the said Sheriffs to whom any of the said Estates, Real or Personal, shall be surrendered and delivered up in pursuance of this Act, shall set up and expose such Estates to sale by way of Public Vendue, in the Presence of one Justice of the Peace, and the Produce arising by such Sale, shall be, by the said Sheriffs, in Manner following paid and satisfied, (that is to say,) after Satisfaction of the aforesaid Imprisonment Fees, that the Estate and Interest of the aforesaid Prisoners respectively, upon which their Judgment Creditors, or any claiming, or that shall claim under them, by Assignment or otherwise, have or shall have any Lien or the Produce thereof, shall be in the first Place, after Satisfaction of the Sheriffs as aforesaid, applied to the Discharge of the said Creditors, according to the Order and Priority of their Judgments, and the Lien arising therefrom; and that the Residue of the Estate and Interest of the said Prisoners respectively, or the Produce thereof, shall be distributed among all their Creditors, that shall apply therefor, within Thirty Days after the aforesaid Sale, in equal Proportion to their Demands.

Notice to be
given of the
Sale of the
Prisoner's E-
states, &c.

X. **And be it further Enacted**, That all the Accounts, Bonds, Notes and other Demands, which any of the said Prisoners have against any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall be by the said Prisoner or Prisoners assigned to the Sheriff, in whose Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be, 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. *Provided always*, That such Creditor or Creditors, require and demand such Sheriff to sue, and give to such Sheriff a Bond to indemnify him against any Charge that may accrue to him by means of any such Suit; and in case of Recovery, that then the Sheriff make Distribution of what shall be recovered, to the Person or Persons giving him such Security as aforesaid.

Bonds, &c.
belonging to
the Prisoners
to be assigned
to the Sheriff.

XI. **And be it 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, not having a Wife or Family, shall be, and are hereby obliged to serve for a Time, not exceeding

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