

C H A P.  
XII.Prisoners, if  
Single, to be  
fold for Five  
Years.

Five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are, or shall be inclined to purchase the Time or Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors; and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody the aforesaid Debtors or any of them are, be and are hereby authorized and obliged, to summon Two Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Persons, as soon as conveniently may be after the Receipt of this Act, and after giving Five Days Notice at the Court-Houses of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his or their Servitude, to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforesaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors as aforesaid, is hereby directed to be taken as a full and sufficient Acquittal and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors, before such Sale: Provided, that in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison, shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid Five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will compleat Five Years from the Day of their Commitment to Prison: And that in case any such single Persons as aforesaid, have been confined in Prison for Five Years, or any longer Time, that the said Persons so confined, shall be discharged upon the same Terms, and in the same Manner, that Persons having Families, are by this Act directed to be discharged.

C H A P. XIII.

A Supplementary ACT to the Act, entitled, *An Act for Limitation of certain Actions for avoiding Suits at Law.*

Preamble, re-  
citing Part of  
1715, ch. 23.

**W**HEREAS the Act, entitled, *An Act for Limitation of certain Actions for avoiding Suits at Law*, hath provided, that in case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall absent themselves out of this Province, after any Debt contracted, he, she or they, so absenting themselves, shall have no Benefit by the Limitation or Restriction in the said Act, specified, but hath made no Provision in the case wherein the Person or Persons liable to the same, hath or have been, is, are, or may be absent out of the Province, at the Time when any Cause of Action may have arisen or accrued, or shall or may arise or accrue against him, her or them, tho' the said Case falling under the same Reason, ought to have the same Remedy:

Persons ab-  
sent, &c. to  
receive no  
Advantage,  
&c.

II. *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons liable, or that hath or have been, or shall or may be liable to any Action, or that hath or have been, or shall or may be absent out of this Province, at the Time when the Cause of Action hath arisen or accrued, or shall or may arise or accrue against him, her or them, he, she or they, shall have or receive no Benefit or Advantage of or from the said recited Act.*

Proviso.

III. *Provided, That the Person or Persons that hath, have, or hath or have had, or that shall or may have such Cause of Action as aforesaid, shall Commence or Prosecute the same after the Presence in this Province, of the Person or Persons liable thereto, within the Time or Times limited in and by the said recited Act.*

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to vest the Title of and in certain Lands in *John Hammond, Esq;* and for other Purposes therein mentioned. [*A Private Act.*]

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