

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.

XI. And be it further 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 Five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are, or shall be inclined to purchase the Time of 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 Prisoners, as soon as conveniently may be, after the End of this Session of Assembly, 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 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 such Offer of Servitude: 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.

Prisoners, if single, to be sold for Five Years.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT for the building of a Parish Church, in *Christ-Church* Parish, in *Calvert* County.

WHEREAS the Rector, Vestrymen, Church-wardens, and sundry of the Inhabitants of *Christ-Church* Parish, in *Calvert* County, have by their humble Petition to this General Assembly set forth, That the Parish Church, in the County aforesaid, is now become so much decayed, that they cannot, with any Degree of Safety, repair thereto, and attend upon Divine Service; and being desirous, not only to remove this Inconvenience, but to promote and advance Religion, and render the Attendance on Public Worship more safe and agreeable, by erecting on the Ground where the Church now stands, a good sufficient and commodious Building for such necessary, pious, and laudable Purposes, have humbly prayed that an Act may pass, that a Quantity, not exceeding One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, may be levied upon the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, by Three equal Assessments. And

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