

“ have delivered, assigned and made over to the Sheriff of
 “ County, 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 Ef-
 “ fects 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 lawful for the Sheriffs of the Counties afore-
 said, 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, contracted, 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 arrested 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 common 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, Damages 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, 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 Ways 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, without any Scire Facias previous thereto, against the Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels of the said Prisoners, or any of them (except 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 Prisoners, 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 discon-
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