

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

XII. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act, and who shall choose to take the Benefit thereof, are and shall, in the Opinion of Two Justices of the Peace of the County where the Party is a Prisoner, be of sufficient Ability of Body to labour, such Person or Persons, not having a Wife, or Child or Children under Twelve Years of Age, 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.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to divide All-Saints Parish in Frederick County, and to erect Two new Parishes, by the Names of Eden Parish and Frederick Parish.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, All-Saints Parish in Frederick County is very large, extending Two Hundred Miles or upwards in Length, and in some Places upwards of Forty Miles in Breadth, containing Six Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Taxables, and increasing very fast; so that it is impossible for One Incumbent to perform the Duties of a Minister therein;

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Parish of All-Saints in Frederick County shall be immediately divided into Three several Districts, as nearly convenient as the natural Situation will admit, so as that each District shall have nearly an equal Number of Taxables; by Mess. William Lychett, Jonathan Willson, Joseph Wood, Normandy Bruce, Thomas Bowler, Samuel Beall, Evan Shelby, James Smith and Joseph Smith, or the major Part of them; who are hereby authorized and empowered to make such Division, and when so made shall and are hereby required

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 the said Parish of All-Saints in Frederick County shall be immediately divided into Three several Districts, as nearly convenient as the natural Situation will admit, so as that each District shall have nearly an equal Number of Taxables; by Mess. William Lychett, Jonathan Willson, Joseph Wood, Normandy Bruce, Thomas Bowler, Samuel Beall, Evan Shelby, James Smith and Joseph Smith, or the major Part of them; who are hereby authorized and empowered to make such Division, and when so made shall and are hereby required