

CHAP. XXII. IX. And be it further enacted, That after publick Notice given, by Advertisements set up at the Court-House-Door of the County, Thirty Days at the least, of the Sale of any 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 publick 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 on any claiming, on 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 thereon within Thirty Days after the aforesaid Sale, in equal Proportion, to their Demands.

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

Proviso. XI. 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.

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, 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 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