

**C H A P.** or Demands whatsoever, in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made, any Thing to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Sheriffs Fees  
to be first  
paid.

**VIII.** *Provided* also, That the respective Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid shall be first paid and satisfied for their Imprisonment Fees, before any Creditor or Creditors shall have or receive any Share or Part of the Estates of the said Prisoners respectively, or of the Produce thereof.

Notice to be  
given of the  
Sale of the  
Prisoners  
Estates, &c.

**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 or 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 therefor, 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.

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**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, or  
married since  
their Commitment  
to  
Prison, 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; as well as the aforesaid *George Bolton*, who hath intermarried since his Commitment to Prison, and every other of the Persons aforesaid, who have or hath intermarried since his or their Commitment to Prison, 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,