

C. H. A. I. P. Creditor also making Oath or Affirmation (as aforesaid) that he or she doth know, or is credibly informed, and verily believes, that the said absconding Person is actually run away, absconded from Justice, or removed from his or her Place of Abode, or hath removed, or is about to remove, some of his or her Effects, with an Intent to injure and defraud his or her Creditor or Creditors of their just Dues, which Departure or running away, or Removal, or Attempt to remove Effects, shall also be proved by one or other credible Witness; the said Provincial or County Justice, on such Oath or Affirmation, and such other Proof made, shall be and is hereby fully authorized and required forthwith to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Provincial or County Court (as the Case may require) to issue an Attachment or Attachments pursuant to this Act; upon the Receipt of which Warrant, together with the Proofs on which the same was granted, and not otherwise, the Clerk of the Provincial or County Court, as the Case may require, shall issue a Writ of Attachment, if in the County Court, to the Sheriff of that County, if in the Provincial Court, to the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County or Counties where the Goods, Chattels, Books or Papers, or Effects, of such absconding Person shall be suggested to be by such Creditor, to attach, seize, take, and safely keep, all the whole personal Estate of the said absconding Person, of what Kind or Nature soever, and every or any Part thereof, in the said Sheriffs Bailiwick or Bailiwicks respectively to be found, with all Evidences, Books of Accounts, and Papers relating thereto; which Writ or Writs of Attachment to be issued in the respective Sheriff or Sheriffs to whom the same shall be directed, are hereby required, authorized, and commanded, well and faithfully to execute, and forthwith to make (with the Assistance of Two substantial Freeholders on Oath, not being Creditor or Creditors, which Freeholders the said Sheriff is hereby required and empowered to summon and swear, for this purpose) a just and true Inventory and Appraisement of all such Goods and Chattels as he shall seize and take by virtue thereof, and return the same, together with a Schedule of the said Evidences, Books of Account, and Papers, signed by himself and the said Two Freeholders, with the Writ of Attachment, to the Court to which the said Writ is returnable. And the said Sheriff shall be paid his reasonable Account of Charges and Expences in safe keeping the said Goods and Chattels so seized and attached, over and above a Commission at the Rate of Three Pounds per Centum on the Value or Amount of the said Inventory, by the Owner of the said Goods if the Attachment should be dissolved, or by the Trustees herein after mentioned, if Trustees should be appointed.

III. And be it enacted, That immediately upon the issuing of any such Attachment, the Creditor or Creditors who procured the same, shall give publick Notice, by Advertisement set up at the Court House Door of the County where returnable, if issued out of the County Court, or in the *Maryland Gazette*, if returnable to the Provincial Court, of such Writ of Attachment having been issued, and that unless the absconding Person shall return and discharge his or her Debts, or give Bail according to this Act, all his or her real and personal Estate will be sold for the Satisfaction of his or her Creditors.

IV. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Debtor or Debtors of the aforesaid absconding Person, or the Bailee or Bailees, or other Possessor or Possessors of his or her Goods or Effects, after actual Notice of the issuing of such Attachments, or after Thirty Days from the Time of setting up such Advertisement or inserting the same in the *Gazette* as aforesaid respectively, shall pay the said Debt or Debts, or deliver the said Goods or Effects to the said absconding Person,

Who is to issue his Warrant to the Clerk, &c. to issue a Writ of Attachment to the Sheriff, &c.

Sheriff to execute said Writ, and make an Inventory, &c.

and to be paid reasonable Charges, over and above a Commission of 3 per Cent.

Creditors to give publick Notice of Attachment being issued, &c.

Debtors, &c. of absconding Persons, after Notice, &c. paying them the Debts, &c. are liable to repay the same.