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dress and working tools, excepted); and that I have not, directly or indirectly, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed or disposed of, 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 therefrom;” it shall and may be lawful for the sheriff of the county aforesaid to discharge the said Edward Hargadine, and suffer him to go at large.

If arrested to
be discharged,
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III. And be it further enacted, That if the said Edward Hargadine shall be arrested or imprisoned, on any process sued out on any judgment or decree obtained against him, for any debt, damages, or costs, contracted, owing, or growing due, before the end of this present session of assembly, the court out of which such process issued shall and may discharge the said Edward Hargadine, on motion; and if the said Edward 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 said Edward out of his custody, on his common appearance being entered, without any special bail; provided that the discharge of the said Edward shall not acquit any other person from such debt, damages, or costs, 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.

Proviso.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That notwithstanding the discharge of the said Edward Hargadine, all and every debt and debts, due and owing from him the said Edward Hargadine, and all and every judgment had, or decree obtained, against him, 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 the said Edward Hargadine, which he, or any other person in trust for him, had at the time of his discharge, or against the lands and tenements which the said Edward, at any time hereafter, shall or may be seized or possessed of by descent; and that it shall and may be lawful for any of the said Edward Hargadine's 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 Edward Hargadine (except the wearing apparel, bedding, and working tools, of the said Edward Hargadine, not exceeding five pounds current money) 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 Edward Hargadine had not been taken in execution, or discharged by virtue of this act.

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V. Provided nevertheless, That in case the said Edward Hargadine shall, at any time after making his oath as aforesaid, be convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury thereon, or of a wilful breach or non-compliance with the tenor of such oath as aforesaid, that then the said prisoner shall, upon such conviction as aforesaid, be wholly deprived of any benefit intended to him by this act, and shall from thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any debt or demands whatsoever, in the same manner as if this act had never been made, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.