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estate, goods, or effects, of any kind whatsoever, left, either in possession, reversion, or remainder (the necessary wearing apparel of myself, wife and children, 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney, and suffer them to go at large.

If arrested, to
be discharged,
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III. And be it further enacted, That if the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney shall be arrested or imprisoned on any process sued out on any judgment or decree obtained against them, 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney on motion, and if the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney shall be arrested or imprisoned, or 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney out of custody, on their common appearance being entered, without any special bail, provided that the discharge of the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney, all and every debt and debts due and owing from them the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney, and all and every judgment had or decree obtained against them, shall stand and be good and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes, against the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of them the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney, which they or any other person in trust for them had at the time of their discharge, or against the lands and tenements which the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney 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 creditors of the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney, 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney (except the wearing apparel, bedding, and working tools, of the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney, 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 Duncan Campbell and James Burney had not been taken in execution, or discharged by virtue of this act.

Proviso.

V. Provided nevertheless, That in case the said Duncan Campbell and James Burney shall, at any time after making their 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.