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eighteen hundred and twenty, and before the first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty-one, then the same shall be made in manner and form following: "You, A. B. C. D. and E. F. do jointly and severally confess judgment to G. H. for the sum of — and costs, which were recovered by the said G. H. against the said A. B. on the — day of — in the year of our Lord one thousand — in the — (or as the case may be, before — — esquire, one of the justices of the peace in and for — county,) the said sum of money, and costs, to be levied of your bodies, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, for the use of the said G. H. in case the said A. B. shall not pay and satisfy to the said G. H. the said sum of money, and costs, so as aforesaid recovered, with additional costs thereon, at the respective times hereinafter mentioned, to wit: One half part thereof, with the interest on the whole sum then due, and all the costs, on or before the first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and the residue thereof, with interest thereon, and the additional cost, on or before the thirtieth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-one;" which confession shall be signed by the judge or justices before whom the same shall be made, and he or they, as the case may be, shall immediately on taking the same, grant a certificate thereof, under his or their hand and seal, to the party confessing the judgment, and such certificate shall be sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to forbear serving the execution on the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of the person so obtaining such certificate; and if any person now in execution, or who hereafter shall be taken in execution, or whose goods or chattels, lands or tenements, are now or shall hereafter be taken in execution, on or before the first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty-one, shall confess judgment as herein before provided, and shall obtain a certificate in manner aforesaid, such certificate, so obtained, and delivered to the sheriff, or coroner, or constable, as the case may be, shall be a sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to release such person or persons from confinement upon that execution, or restore and deliver the goods or chattels, lands or tenements, so taken in execution, to the person or persons against whom such execution may have issued, such person or persons giving to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, sufficient security for the poundage, or other fees, due upon any such execution; and provided, the goods or chattels, lands or tenements, so taken in execution, were not sold before the said certificate was delivered to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be; and the judge or justices before whom the judgment shall be confessed as aforesaid, shall within thirty days thereafter, under the penalty of ten dollars for every neglect, and a further sum of three dollars for every day that he shall continue such neglect, after the expiration of the said thirty days, return the same to the clerk or register, as the case may be, of the respective courts, where the said judgment or decree was obtained, there to be recorded, for which recording such clerk or register shall receive as a fee twelve and a half cents; and in case the said confession was on the judgment of a justice of the peace, then such confession of judgment shall be returned to the clerk of the county where the said justices may reside, to be by him recorded, and for the recording of