

By the Upper House of Assembly, 29 March, 1733.

Amendments proposed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

Instead of the Preamble therein mentioned, insert the following One.

WHEREAS many Persons, by the necessary Charge of a numerous Family, or by inevitable Losses or Misfortunes, deserving the Compassion of Mankind, become incapable of paying their whole Debts; and tho' willing to make the utmost Satisfaction they can, may be detained in Prison by their too rigid and severe Creditors: For Relief therefore of such unhappy Debtors.

Page 1. L. 14. Put the Word *such* instead of *any*; and in the 16th Line of the same Page, between *Quorum* and *Debtor*, put *such* instead of *any*.

Pag. 2. L. 13. After the Word *therewith*, put these Words, [And that the Poverty and Inability of such Debtor, rather proceeded from some of the Causes aforesaid, than from Extravagance and a vicious Course of Life, or knavish Practices.]

2d. P. 2. L. 3. After the Words *Imprisonment Fees*, put these Words, [For the present; but the Sheriff, or Coroner, shall be paid such Fees out of what shall arise by the Servitude of such Prisoner, if sold, preferable to any other Creditor.]

The whole Proviso in the same Page to be left out.

P. 3. L. 9. Instead of the Word *And*, put these Words, *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That such Prisoner.

Pag. 4. L. 13. Leave out the Word *That*, and insert, *After which Proceedings and Oath so had and made.*

Pag. 6. L. 3. After the Word *meet*, insert the following Words, [After which Assignment and Conveyance, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Justices, in case it appears to them, that the Poverty and Inability of such Prisoners, proceeded rather from the Causes mentioned in the Preamble, than extravagant and vicious Courses of Life, or knavish Practices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to direct the said Sheriff to discharge such Prisoner or Prisoners; which said Sheriff shall forthwith accordingly discharge the same from his Custody.]

--- L. 10. After the Word *prescribed*, put *Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid.*

Pag. 7. L. 2. After the Word *meet*, insert the following Words, [After which Assignment and Conveyance, it shall and may be lawful, to and for the said Justices, in case it appears to them, that the Poverty and Inability of such Prisoners, proceeded rather from the Causes mentioned in the Preamble, than extravagant and vicious Courses of Life, or knavish Practices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to direct the said Sheriff to discharge such Prisoner or Prisoners; which said Sheriff shall forthwith accordingly discharge the same from his Custody.]

*And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid*, That all and every the Estate Real or Personal of such Prisoners, or every Sum or Sums of Money, or Quantities of Tobacco, that shall or may be raised by Servitude, or Sale of such Real or Personal Estate, if sold by Virtue of this Act, shall be distributed and paid by the Trustees, Sheriff, or Coroner, to and amongst the Creditors, in Proportion to their Debts, after Deduction of the Fees due to the Sheriff or Coroner, for serving the Execution, or Imprisonment Fees, which shall be paid in the first Place to the said Sheriff or Coroner.

The Proviso in the same Side to be left out, and the following One to be added: *Provided always*, That this Act shall not extend to discharge any