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otherwise directed) shall upon proof and conviction of the offence respectively, before any two or more Justices of the Peace for the District, either by confession of the party offending, or by the oath of any credible witness, (which oath every Justice, is in every such case, authorised to administer,) be levied together with the costs attending the information and conviction by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the party or parties offending, by warrant under the hand and seal of such Justices, which warrant they are hereby empowered and required to grant; and the overplus (if any) after such penalties, forfeitures and fines, and the charges of such distress and sale are deducted, shall be returned upon demand, unto the owner of such goods and chattels, and in case such fines, penalties and forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justices to order the offender so convicted to be detained and kept in safe custody, until return can be conveniently made; unless the offender shall give sufficient security to the satisfaction of such Justices for his appearance before such Justices, on such day as shall be appointed for the return of such warrant of distress, such day not being more than seven days from the time of taking such security; and which security such Justices are thereby empowered to take by way of recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the return of such warrant, it shall appear that no sufficient distress can be had thereupon, then it shall be lawful for such Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorised and required by warrant or warrants under their hands and seals to cause such offender to be committed to the common gaol of the District, there to remain without bail or mainprise for any time not exceeding one calendar month; unless such penalties, fines and forfeitures, and all reasonable charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid or satisfied.

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