

draw any seine, on the said shores of such rivers, coves or creeks between high and low water marks, except the owner or owners, or lawful possessor or possessors thereof, or persons by virtue of their leave or license, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XIV. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force *two years* and no longer. Limitation.

C A P. XIV.

An Act for the SUPPORT and RELIEF of CONFINED DEBTORS.

I. **B**E IT ENACTED, *by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That when ever any person, committed to any Goal in this province, for debt not exceeding *one hundred pounds* at the suit of any creditor, shall be incapable to provide or secure their necessary support, it shall be lawful for such debtor after *fourteen* days confinement, to make application to any Justice of the Court out of which the process issued, upon which such debtor shall be confined, for a weekly support or maintenance: And such Justice, after *fourteen* days previous notice to such creditor or his attorney, shall examine on oath such confined debtor or any witness produced, as to the ability of such debtor to support him or herself, and if on examination to be taken in writing on oath as aforesaid, which shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court out of which such process issued as aforesaid, it shall appear to such Justice that such debtor is utterly unable to support him or herself, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to make an order for such creditor to pay such debtor a weekly sum to be applied for the support of such debtor; which sum shall be paid weekly, and from the *first* day of *November* until the *last* day of *March* shall be *three shillings and six pence* per week, and the remainder of the year *two shillings and six pence* per week; And after such order it shall be the duty of such creditor to pay such weekly support, and in case of failure thereof it shall and may be lawful for any such Justice as aforesaid, on such failure being made known to him to make an order under his hand and seal to the Sheriff or Gaoler to discharge the said debtor out of confinement. **P R O V I D E D**, That nothing in this act shall prevent such creditor from prosecuting his suit (if on mesne process) to final judgment; or from taking out his *Fieri Facias*.

Persons committed to Goal for debt and being unable to support themselves

may apply for a weekly maintenance to a Justice of the Court from which process issued. Justice to examine debtors or witnesses

and order a weekly support to be paid such debtors by the creditors,

and in case of failure the debtor to be discharged.

Proviso.