

Justices as aforesaid, and if at such second Day so to be appointed, the Creditor or Creditors dissatisfied with such Oath shall make Default in appearing, or in case he, she or they shall appear, but shall be unable to discover any Estate or Effects of the Prisoner, omitted in such his or her Petition, or to shew any Probability of his or her having been foresworn in the said Oath, then the said Court shall immediately cause the said Prisoner to be discharged, upon such Assignment of his or her Effects in Manner as aforesaid, unless such Creditor or Creditors do insist upon his or her being longer detained in Prison at their Suit, and do agree, by Writing under his, her or their Hands, to supply and allow weekly the Quantity of *Eight Pounds* of good and wholesome Biscuit Bread *per Week* unto the said Prisoner, to be supply'd and allowed the first Day of every Week, so long as he or she shall continue in Goal at his, her, or their Suit; on Failure of the Supplying of which weekly Allowance at any Time, the said Prisoner shall forthwith, upon Application to the Court, or, during the Interval of such Court's Sitting, to any two of the Justices of the said Court, be discharged by such Order as aforesaid. But in case the said Prisoner shall refuse to take the said Oath, or having taken the same, shall be detected of Falsity therein, he or she shall be presently remanded.

Creditors failing to appear on such second Day, or unable to discover any Effects omitted in Prisoner's Petition, Prisoner to be discharged, unless Creditors insist on his or her being detained longer in Prison, and agree to allow him or her 8 Pounds of Biscuit per Week, on Failure, Prisoner to be discharged.

Prisoner refusing to take the Oath, or detected of Falsity therein, to be remanded.

And to prevent Persons who may be charged in Execution from lying in Prison until they have spent their Substance, wherewith they should satisfy their Creditors, and afterwards taking the Benefit of this Act, when they have nothing left to deliver up to their Creditors;

Prisoner not permitted to exhibit a Petition before any Court or Justices, unless exhibited, if before the Court, within 4 Days after the first Meeting of such Court next after such Person be charged in Execution, and if before the Justices within 10 Days after Prisoner charged in Execution.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and immediately after the Publication hereof, no Person charged or to be charged in Execution, shall be allowed or permitted to exhibit a Petition to any of the Courts of Law in this Province, or to any of the said two Justices of such Courts from whence the Process issued, as is before provided, unless such Petition be exhibited, if before the Court, within Four Days next after the first Meeting of the said Court, which shall be next after such Person shall be so charged in Execution; and if before the said two Justices, within Ten Days next after such Person shall be so charged in Execution.

Judgment to remain in Force against the Estate or Effects of Prisoners discharged.

Provided always, And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That though the Persons of the Debtor or Debtors so discharged shall never after be arrested for the same Debt or Debts; yet notwithstanding such Discharge, the Judgment against him or her shall stand and remain in Force, and Execution may be taken out thereon against his or her Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels (his or her Wearing-Apparel, Bedding for him or herself and Family, and necessary Tools for the Use of his or her Trade or Occupation excepted) in the same Manner as if he or she had never been taken in Execution for the said Debt.

Wearing-Apparel &c. excepted.

Provided also, And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person who shall take such Oath as aforesaid, before the said two Justices, or before the said Court as aforesaid, shall upon any Indictment for Perjury in any Matter or Particular contained in the said Oath, be convicted by his or her own Confession, or by Verdict of

Penalty on Persons convicted of Perjury.

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