

or appear not to have been with child—

the person to be discharged from his recognizance or released out of custody.

or if she shall miscarry of such child, or shall appear not to have been with child at the time of her examination, then and in any of the said cases, such person shall be discharged from his recognizance at the next General Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such county or city and county, or immediately released out of custody by warrant under the hand and seal or hands and seals of any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace residing in or near the limits where such parish shall lie.

Justice of the Peace, upon application of any person committed, to summon the overseers of the poor to shew cause why he should not be discharged—

III. PROVIDED ALSO, *and be it enacted*, That upon application made by any person who shall be committed to any gaol or house of correction by virtue of this act, or by any person in his behalf to any Justice or Justices residing in or near the limits where such parish shall lie, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to summon the overseer or overseers of the poor of such parish to appear before him or them at a time and place to be mentioned in such summons to shew cause why such person should not be discharged: And if no order shall appear to have been made in pursuance of the said act of the eighteenth year of the reign of Her MAJESTY Queen Elizabeth within six weeks after such woman shall have been delivered, such Justice or Justices shall and may discharge him from his imprisonment in such gaol or house of correction to which he shall have been committed.

and if no order appears to have been made within six weeks after the delivery of such woman—the Justice to discharge him from imprisonment.

Justice of the Peace not to send for any woman before her delivery nor in one month after—nor to compel any woman before her delivery to answer questions concerning her pregnancy.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, *and be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace to send for any woman whatsoever before she shall be delivered, and in one month after, in order to her being examined concerning her pregnancy or supposed pregnancy, or to compel any woman before she shall be delivered, to answer to any questions relating to her pregnancy; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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