

and may, by Writing under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, give Warrant to the Constable or Constables of the Town or Place where such Person or Persons shall be dwelling and inhabit, or from whence he or they shall be committed as aforesaid, or where he or they shall have any Goods within the County, Town or Place, to sell such and so much of the Goods and Chattels of the said Persons, so to be committed, as by the Discretion of the said Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall satisfy and pay the Charge of such his or their conveying and sending to the said Gaol; the Appraisement to be made by four of the honest Inhabitants of the Town or Place where such Goods or Chattels shall remain and be, and the Overplus of the Money which shall be made thereof to be delivered to the Party to whom the said Goods shall belong.

How the Charges shall be levied if the Prisoner refuse to pay:

II. *And be it further Enacted*, That if the said Person or Persons so to be committed as aforesaid, shall not have or be known to have any Goods or Chattels, which may be sold for the Purpose aforesaid, within the County, Town or Place, that then the said Justice or Justices, on Application by any Constable or other Officer who so conveyed such Person or Persons to Gaol, shall upon Oath examine into and ascertain the reasonable Expences to be allowed such Constable or other Officer, and shall forthwith, without Fee or Reward, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, order the Treasurer of the County to pay the same, which the said Treasurer is hereby required to do, as soon as he receives such Warrant; and any Sum so paid shall be allowed in his Accounts.

If the Offender be not able to bear his Charges, the same shall be paid by the County Treasurer.

III. *And Whereas the Expence as well as Loss of Time in attending Courts of Justice, is a Discouragement to the poorer Sort to appear as Witnesses against Offenders, who thereby escape the Public Justice, and the Punishment due to their Crimes, Be it further Enacted*, That when any poor Person shall appear on Recognizance in any Court, to give Evidence against another accused of any Grand or Petit Larceny, or other Felony, it shall and may be in the Power of the Court, at the Prayer and on the Oath of such Person, and on Consideration of his Circumstances, in open Court to order the Treasurer of the County in which the Offence shall have been committed, to pay unto such Person such Sum of Money, as to the said Court shall seem reasonable for his Time, Trouble and Expence; which Order the proper Officer of such Court is hereby directed and required to make out, and to deliver unto such Person, upon being paid for the same the Sum of Six Pence and no more; and such Treasurer is hereby authorized and required, upon Delivery of such Order, forthwith to pay to such Person, or other Person authorized to receive the same, such Sum of Money as aforesaid, and shall be allowed the same in his Accounts.

Brit. Stat. 27. Geo. 2.
c. 3.

Charges of poor Witnesses to be paid by the County Treasurer, by Order of Court.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That in such Counties where no County