

said Prisoner to be brought up to the said Court, or before them the said Two Justices, and the several Creditors at whose Suit he, she, or they stand charged as aforesaid, to be Summoned to appear Personally, or by their Attorney in the said Court, or before them the said Two Justices at a Day to be appointed for that Purpose ; and upon the Day of such Appearance, if any of the Creditors Summoned, Refuse, or Neglect to appear, upon Affidavit, of the due Service of such Rule or Order of the said Court, or Order of the said Two Justices, the said Court or the said Two Justices, shall, and may in a Summary Way, examine into the matter of such Petition, and hear what can or shall be alledged on either Side, for or against the discharge of such Prisoner, and upon such Examination the said Court or the said Two Justices may, and are hereby required, to Administer or Tender to the Prisoner an Oath to the Effect following, which Oath the said Court, or the said Two Justices are hereby impowered to Administer.

I A. B. Do Solemnly Swear in the Presence of Almighty God, that the Account by me deliver'd into,

In my Petition to,

Doth contain a true and full Account of all my Real and Personal Estate, Debts, Credits, and Effects whatsoever, which I, or any in trust for Me, have, or at the Time of my said Petition had, or am or was in any Respect intitled to in Possession, remainder or Reversion, (except the Wearing Apparel and Bedding for me or my Family, and the Tools or Instruments of my Trade or Calling, not exceeding Ten Pounds in the whole) and that I have not at any Time since my Imprisonment or before, Directly or Indirectly, sold, Leased, Assigned or otherways disposed of, or made over in trust for my self, or otherwise, other than as mentioned in such Account, any Part of my Lands, Estate, Goods, Stock, Money, Debts, or other Real or Personal Estate, whereby to have or expect any Benefit or Profit to myself, or to Defraud any of my Creditors, to whom I am Indebted.

So Help me GOD.

And be it further Enacted, That in case the said Prisoner shall in open Court, or before the said Two Justices, take the said Oath, and upon such Examination and his or her taking the said Oath, the Creditors shall be satisfied with the Truth thereof, the said Court or the said Two Justices may immediately Order the Lands, Goods, or Effects, contained in such Account, or so much of them as may be Sufficient to satisfy the Debts where-with he, or she, is or shall be charged, and the Fees due to the Provost Marshall of the said Province, and the Keeper of the Goal or Prison from which the Prisoner was brought, to be by a short Indorsment on the Back of the said Petition, Signed by the Prisoner, Assigned to the said Creditors, or to one or more of them, in Trust for the rest of the said Creditors, and by such Assignment, the Estate, Interest, and property of the Lands, Goods, Debts, and Effects so Assigned, shall be vested in the Person or Persons to whom such Assignment is or shall be made, who may take Possession of, or Sue for the same in his, her, or their own Name or Names in like Manner