

Lib. L. L. Attorneys in fact as also the Sherriffe or Goaler in whose Custody such Debtors are detained with the Cause of such their detainer. Before which said Justices or any three of them as af^d such prisoner shall take the following Oath Viz. I, A. B. do upon my Corporall Oath Solemnly profess and declare before Almighty God that I have not any Estate Reall or Personall in Possession Reversion remainder or in Trust to the Value of five pounds Sterling in the whole more than what I have and will give up and Surrender or Sufficient to pay the debt or damages for which I am imprisoned and that I have not directly or Indirectly sold leased or otherwise Conveyed disposed of or intrusted all or any part of my Estate thereby to secure the same to receive or Expect any proffitt or advantage thereof, or deceive or defraud any Creditor or Creditors whatsoever to whom I stand indebted and that I was actually a prisoner in the Custody of Sherriffe at the Suite of _____ on the _____ day of _____ and have so Continued unto this day without my own procurement or any ffraud or deceit whatsoever. So help me God.

And the said Justices or any three of them as aforesaid are hereby impowered to administer such Oath and to Examine the Debtor or any other person upon Oath about his poverty and of the notice given to Such Sherriffe Goaler and Creditor^s of the Cause and Time of such prisoners Comeing before such Justices as af^d And if upon such Examination the said Justices or any three of them as af^d shall find such Debtors or prisoners to be really poore and not able to maintaine themselves without being Chargeable to Sherriff relations or Country as af^d that then it shall and may be Lawfull to and for such Justices or any three of them as aforesaid to give notice to the Creditor or Creditors their Executors and administrators agents or attorneys to appeare before them or any three of them as aforesaid at a Certaine time and place to be by them appointed for that purpose to shew Cause why such Debtor or debtors should not be discharged and if such Creditors their Executors or administrators agents or attorneys will not appeare or appearing do not shew Cause by the said Justices to be allowed of why such prisoner should not be discharged and will not Consent to the discharge of such prisoner but Insist to have such Prisoner detained and kept Longer in prison—That then such Creditor shall before such Justices or any three of them as aforesaid give good security to pay and allow to such prisoner the Summe of Twenty pounds of tobacco p Diem for his maintainance in Prison. And if within the space of Sixty days after such Security Given such Creditor do not make it appeare the debtor had any Estate which he did not bring to light and render an account of to the said Justices or shall