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[Debts to
stand good
in Case, &c.]

Provided always and be it Enacted That notwithstanding the Discharge of the said Prisoners or any of them all and every Debt or Debts due and owing from him her or them and all and every Judgment had or Decree obtained against him her or them shall stand and be good and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes against the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments Goods and Chattels of him her or them and which he she or they or any other person in Trust for the Use of him her or them had at the Time of the discharge of the said Prisoners or any of them or which he she or they at any time hereafter shall or may be any way seized or possessed of or interested in to his her or their own use or in his her or their own proper Right, either in Law or Equity (except the wearing apparel Bedding and Working Tools of him her or them not exceeding the sum of Ten Pounds Current Money) and it shall and may be lawful for any of their Creditors their Executors Administrators or Assigns to take out New Execution or Executions without any scire facias previous thereto against the Lands Tenements and other Hereditaments Goods and Chattels of the said Prisoners or any of them (except as before excepted) for the satisfaction of his her or their Debts in such sort manner and Form as he she or they might have done if the said Prisoners or any of them had not been taken in Execution or discharged by Virtue of this Act

[Action of
Escape.]

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any action of Escape be brought against any Sheriff, or any suit or Action against any Justice or Justices for their performing their duty in pursuance of this Act he or they may plead the General issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence and if the Plaintiff be Non Suit or discontinue his Action or Verdict pass against him or Judgment upon Demurrer be rendered against him the Defendant shall have and recover double Costs

[Proviso, as
to Escape.]

Provided also that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to bar any Creditor or Creditors of the before mentioned Prisoners from having and maintaining any action of Escape against any Sheriff who hath permitted any Escape before the making this Act

[In Case of
Perjury.]

Provided nevertheless That in Case any of the said Prisoners shall at any time after making such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid be convict of wilful and corrupt Perjury thereupon, or of a Wilful breach or Non Compliance with the Tenor of such Oath or Affirmation as aforesaid, that then the said Prisoner shall upon such Conviction as aforesaid be wholly deprived of any Benefit intended to him her or them by this Act, and shall from thenceforth be liable to be prosecuted for any Debt or Demands whatsoever in the same manner as if this Act had never been made any Thing to the contrary notwithstanding

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[Sheriff's
Fees to be
first paid.]

Provided also That the respective Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid shall be first paid and satisfied for their Imprisonment Fees,