

then the same Prisoner shall have no aid or benefit of this Act and Judgment shall pass against him or her for Costs But if the determination of the Justices of the County Court on such Allegation shall be against Such Creditor or Creditors then the Prisoner or Prisoners aforesaid shall by the said Court be immediately discharged on his or her making Subscribing and delivering in open Court Such Schedule and Duplicate as aforesaid and there taking such Oath or affirmation as aforesaid and all his or her Estate shall thereupon be invested in the Sheriff sold and disposed of and applied as if he or she had been discharged by the said three Justices or any two of them and it shall and may be Lawful for the said Justices of the County Court to ascertain and determine the Quantum of the Damages if any that the Prisoner hath Sustained by reason of the false allegation of such Creditor or Creditors and thereupon Adjudge the same with Costs to the Prisoner Provided such damages and costs shall not exceed the Penalty of the said bond And to the End that the truth may be the better inquired into It is enacted that the Justices of the County Court aforesaid may at such Time or times as they see Proper order Sheriff to bring the body of any Prisoner against whose discharge such objection shall be made as aforesaid before the same Court and the same Prisoner again Remand to prison and may appoint such Time as they shall see fit for the Trial of the Issue to be joined as aforesaid which is hereby required to be with as little delay as may be.

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And be it thereby declared and Enacted that the Damages and Costs so to be recovered by any Prisoner as aforesaid shall not be vested in the Sheriff or in anywise subjected to the Benefit of any Creditor or Creditors

[Damages & Costs not to be vested in the Sheriff, &c.]  
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And be it Enacted that any person who shall take the Oath or Affirmation by this Act directed and shall upon Indictment be convict of Perjury or of willfully and corruptly affirming any Matter or Thing therein contained such Persons shall suffer as in Cases of wilful and corrupt Perjury and likewise be liable to be taken on process de novo and Charged in Execution for his or her debts and shall never after have the benefit of this Act

[Persons convicted of Perjury to suffer as in Cases of wilful & corrupt Perjury, &c.]

This Act to Commence on the first day of October next and Continue in force for three Years from that day and to the end of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the End of the said three Years.

By the Lower House of  
Assembly April 19.<sup>th</sup> 1774  
Read and Assented to  
Signed by order  
Jn.<sup>o</sup> Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho

On Behalf of the Right  
Honourable the Lord  
Proprietary of this Prov-  
ince I Will this be a Law  
Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden

By the Upper House of  
Assembly April 19.<sup>th</sup> 1774  
Read and Assented to  
Signed by order  
James Brooks Cl. Up<sup>r</sup> Ho

21 sides  
Tot.<sup>l</sup> 278½ sides

the great seal  
in wax appendant