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CAP. X.

An Act for the more eaſy Diſcharge of Recognizances eſtreated into His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer.

WHEREAS many Recognizances have been eſtreated into his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, againſt Perſons for not appearing as Parties or Witneſſes in His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, or at the Aſſizes and General Quarter Seſſions, or other Courts of Record in that Part of Great Britain called England, or for not proſecuting Indictments there, or otherwiſe not performing the Conditions in ſuch Recognizances contained; many of which Neglects of Duty have happened by the Inattention of ignorant People, ſome of whom are impriſoned, and a great Number of others liable to be ſo, by the Proceſs conſtantly iſſued againſt them out of the Courts of Exchequer, and directed to the Sheriffs, though no other Proſecution be ſubſiſting but merely for ſuch Forfeitures Preamble.

feitures of their Recognizances, from which there are no eaſy Means at preſent, for poor Perſons eſpecially, to procure any Diſcharge: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the Fifth Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty four, it ſhall be lawful for the Barons of His Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, upon Affidavit and Petition to be preſented to them by or on the Behalf of the Perſon or Perſons impriſoned, or liable to be impriſoned, on the Forfeiture of any ſuch Recognizances, to diſcharge ſuch Perſon or Perſons, by Order from the ſaid Barons, without any Quietus to be ſued out for that Purpoſe; for which Order no more than One Pound and One Shilling ſhall be taken by the Officer appointed to give out the ſame: Provided that no Diſcharge ſhall be given on ſuch Petitions where any Debt is due to the Crown, other than by the Recognizances ſo prayed to be diſcharged; nor in any Caſes of defrauding His Majeſty's Revenue by contraband Trade, or aſſaulting His Majeſty's Officers of the Cuſtoms or Exciſe in the Execution of their Duty, or any Perſon or Perſons lawfully aſſiſting them therein.

After 1 *May*, 1764, the Barons of the Exchequer impowered to diſcharge, upon Affidavit and Petition, and without *Quietus* ſued, Recognizances of Perſons eſtreated into the Exchequer:

Fee payable upon ſuch Order, 1*l.* 1*s.*

Debts due to the Crown; Caſes of Frauds by contraband Trade; and aſſaulting Officers of the Revenue; excepted.

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