

AN ACT for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, in case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable Time.

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Corn loose, &c., may be detained and sold.

2. And whereas no sheaves or cocks of corn loose or in the straw, or hay in any barn or granary, or on any hovel, stack, or rick, can by the law be distrained, or otherwise secured for rent, whereby landlords are oftentimes cousened and deceived by their tenants, who sell their corn, grain, and hay to strangers, and remove the same from the premises chargeable with such rent, and thereby avoid the payment of the same: . . . .

For remedying the said practice and deceit, it shall and may . . . . be lawful to and for any person or persons having rent arrear and due upon any . . . . demise, lease, or contract, . . . . to seize and secure any sheaves or cocks of corn, or corn loose or in the straw, or hay lying or being in any barn or granary, or upon any hovel, stack, or rick, or otherwise upon any part of the land or ground charged with such rent, and to lock up or detain the same in the place where the same shall be found, for or in the nature of a distress, until the same shall be replevied . . . . and, in default of replevying the same, . . . . to sell the same . . . . so as nevertheless such corn, grain, or hay so distrained as aforesaid be not removed by the person or persons distraining, to the damage of the owner thereof, out of the place where the same shall be found and seized, but be kept there (as impounded) until the same shall be replevied, or sold in default of replevying the same. . . . .

Treble damages for pound-breach.

3. Upon any pound-breach or rescous of goods or chattels distrained for rent, the person or persons grieved thereby shall,

in a special action upon the case for the wrong thereby sustained, 2 *Will. &*  
recover his and their treble damages and costs of suit against *Mar., c. 5.*  
the offender or offenders in any such rescous or pound-breach,  
any or either of them, or against the owners of the goods dis-  
trained in case the same be afterwards found to have come to  
his use or possession.

4. Provided always that, in case any such distress and sale, Double  
as aforesaid, shall be made by virtue or colour of this present damages and  
Act for rent pretended to be arrear and due, where in truth no costs against  
rent is arrear or due to the person or persons distraining, or to wrongful dis-  
him or them in whose name or names or right such distress shall trainer.  
be taken as aforesaid, then the owner of such goods or chattels  
distrained and sold as aforesaid, his executors or administrators,  
shall and may, by action of trespass, or upon the case, to be  
brought against the person or persons so distraining, any or  
either of them, his or their executors or administrators, recover  
double of the value of the goods or chattels so distrained and  
sold, together with full costs of suit.