

must apply this year towards the Payment of my Levies, the which Sume of Tobacco aforesaid I will take the best Care I can to Preserve and be ready to Pay to my Creditors towards the satisfaction of such debts as aforesaid, or some of them save only such Tobaccos as hath been already taken from me by (distress) or (Execution) Provided that such Persons as have usually made the making Tobacco their Employment, and have no Tobacco or not sufficient to Pay their Leavys and other Public Dues and officers ffees, may at their Election either Pay Two Pence Currant money per Pound for their whole or such Part as they cannot Pay in Tobacco or to remain indebted till next year. According to the Liberty already allowed by this Act.

Liber LL, 5
Acts

An Act for the Relief of Thomas Dent of Charles County
Gentleman.

Acts of 1724,
ch. 20
p. 34

Whereas Thomas Dent of Charles County Gentleman by his humble Petition to this present Generall Assembly hath sett forth that he has Continued a Prisoner for debt in the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid Two years and upwards in Execution for severall large Sums of money due to some of his Creditors which though he believes he has sufficient Estate in Lands and moveables to discharge yet he conceives it would be very unequall since he has not enough to satisfy all his Debts fully to Pay some and thereby deprive himself of the means of discharging any Part of the rest and hath Prayed Leave to bring in a Bill to discharge his body out of Prison upon Surrendring his whole Estate reall and Personall to be equally distributed among his Creditors and for that the truth of the said Petitioners Allegations is made appear to this generall Assembly by sufficient Testimony and for that the said Petitioner and his family are fit Objects of Charity and that lying in Goal can be no Benefitt to his Creditors it is humbly Prayed that he may be relieved according to his Petition and that it may be Enacted, and be it Enacted by the right honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and lower houses of this Present generall Assembly and the authority of the same, that unless all or any of the Creditors of the said Thomas Dent or the attorneys of such Creditor or Creditors or any of them within this Province within twenty Days after the end of this Session of Assembly go to the Sheriff of Charles County in whose Custody the Prisoner aforementioned is detained or kept in Custody and give good Security to Pay the Imprisonment ffees at Ten Pounds of Tobacco per day that shall or may become due from the said Prisoner after the end of the said Twenty days and also to find the said Thomas Dent Sufficient Meat drink and Cloathing during his future Imprisonment in case the said Thomas Dent shall deliver up and Surrender or cause to be delivered up and Surrendred to the Sheriff of the County in whose Custody he is in the Presence