

An Act for the Releif of John Bradford a Languishing Prisoner in
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Whereas the said John Bradford by his humble Petition to this Generall Assembly hath set forth that he hath Continued a Prisoner for debt in the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince Georges County and still Continues in the like Deplorable Circumstances not being able to redeem his Body with all the Estate and Interest he hath in the world which he would Deliver up and part with to his severall and respective Creditors if they would accept of the same and Grant the said Petitioner his liberty which seems so unlikely for him to obtain that unless relieved by a particular Act passed in his favour which by his said Petition he hath humbly prayed he must inevitably Continue a Prisoner for life And for that the truth of the said Petitioners Allegations are made appear to this Generall Assembly by sufficient Testimonies and that the said Petitioner is a fit Object of Charity and that his lying in Goal Can be no benefit to his Creditors It is humbly prayed that the said Petitioner may be releived according to his Prayer And that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that unless all or any of the Creditor or Creditors of the said John Bradford or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid within this Province shall within twenty Days after this Session of Assembly go to the Sheriff of the aforesaid County of Prince Georges and give good Security to pay the imprisonment fees the sum of ten pounds of Tobacco per Day that shall or may become Due from the said John Bradford after the End of the said Twenty Days and also find the said John Bradford Sufficient Meat Drink and Cloathing during his future imprisonment And in Case he the said John Bradford shall Deliver up and Surrender or Cause to be delivered up and Surrendered to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in the Presence of two Justices of the Peace of the said County whom the said Sheriff is hereby required to summon on the request of the said John Bradford at some Convenient time after the Receipt of this Act not Exceeding ten days all his reall and Personall Estates Either in Possession reversion or remainder or in trust or in or unto which he hath any Claim or interest whatsoever and likewise before the Day before mentioned Convey assign transfer and make over unto the Sheriff of Prince Georges County for the use of the said Creditors all such his Estate interest or Claim as aforesaid after such Manner as by the said Sheriff and the Major part of such Creditors or such of them as shall think fit to direct therein or their Councill learned in the Law shall reasonably devise or require at the Cost and Charges of the Persons as shall Claim the benefit thereof so as the said John Bradford be not burthened with any Warranties thereby other than