

An ACT for the Relief of *Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind Widow, and Mary Penn*, languishing Prisoners in *Ann-Arundel County Goal*, *Joseph Macclester*, a languishing Prisoner in *Somerset County Goal*, and *Patrick Mac Vay*, a languishing Prisoner in *Cæcil County Goal*.

WHEREAS the said *Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind, Mary Penn, Joseph Macclester, and Patrick Mac Vay*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, that they have continued Prisoners for Debt in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the several Counties aforesaid, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, and not being able to redeem their Bodies with all the Estate or Interest that they have in the World, which they would readily deliver up and part with to their several and respective Creditors, if they would accept of the same and Grant the said Petitioners their Liberty, which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that unless relieved by a particular Act Passed in their Favours, which by their said Petitions they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life. And for that the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations are made appear to this present General Assembly by sufficient Testimonies, and that the said Petitioners are fit Objects of Charity, and that their lying in Goal can be no Benefit to their Creditors, it is humbly Prayed that the said Petitioners may be Relieved according to their Prayers, 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 Lordship's Governor, 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 Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind, Mary Penn, Joseph Macclester, and Patrick Mac Vay, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid within this Province, shall within Twenty Days after this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of Anne-Arundel, Somerset and Cæcil, 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 Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind, Mary Penn, Joseph Macclester, and Patrick Mac Vay, after the end of the said Twenty Days, and also find the said Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind, Mary Penn, Joseph Macclester, and Patrick Mac Vay, sufficient Meat, Drink and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment; and in Case they the said Nicholas Hammond, Peter Topping, Edward Cooley, Henry Templeman, William Basfoot, Anne Rind, Mary Penn, Joseph Macclester, and Patrick Mac Vay, shall deliver

Creditors to go to the Sheriffs in 20 Days, and give security for the Fees, &c.