

Acts of Assembly passed in June, 1755.

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Sheriff of *Frederick* County; and *Edward Dogan*, under the Custody of the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County; for a considerable Time past, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem their Bodies with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily surrender 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 to be passed in their Favour, which by their said Petitions they have humbly prayed), they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life, and thereby their Families utterly ruined: And for that the Truth of the said Petitioners Allegations is made appear to this General Assembly, by sufficient Testimony, and that the said Petitioners, and their Families, 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 Prayer, and that it may be enacted,

II. *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 Creditors of the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, or the Creditor or Creditors of any or either of them, or the Attorney or Attorneys of such Creditor or Creditors aforesaid, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of *Worcester*, *Anne-Arundel*, *Prince-George's*, *Frederick*, and *Baltimore*, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees, that shall or may become due from the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and also to find the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, or any or either of them, sufficient Meat, Drink and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment, in Case they the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, 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 in each of the said Counties, whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon, on Request of the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, or any or either of them, at the Dwelling Plantation or Plantations, or Place or Places, where before the Imprisonment of the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, was the Place, or were the Places of Residence of the said *Thomas Lambden*, *Nathan Brittingham*, *Thomas Todd*, *Jasper Hall*, *Daniel Wells*, *Benjamin Berry*, *Thomas Reynolds*, and *Edward Dogan*, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Five Days, all their real and personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion or Remainder, or in Trust, or in, or unto which they have, or any, or either of them, hath, any Claim or Interest whatsoever, and do likewise, before the Day before mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the said Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, for the Use of their said Creditors, all such their Estate, Interest or Claim,

Prisoners to be discharged on delivering up their Effects on Oath.