

to accept such paym^t or Satisfaccōn shall be without other Remedy for his or their debts any Law vsage or Custome to the Contrarie notwithstanding This Act to Endure for three yeares or to the End of the next Generall Assembly w^{ch} shall ffirst happen

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An Act for the Releife of
Prisoners taken in Execucōn

Whereas the Inhabitants of this Province are Exceedingly grieved & Burthened by Execucōns Layd vpon them for Tobacco Being often Times Sued for the Same att the latter End of shipping Time when they have Layd out their Tobacco Soe that it is not Possible for them to pcure Tobacco for any other goods & Chattels Soe th^t they are oft Times kept in Prison by their Credito^r a long time and the Porest Sort of the Inhabitants thereby vndone in that they cannot be at Liberty to make their Cropps the Next Yeare whereby they might be Enabled to Satisfie the said debts

Bee it therefore Enacted By the Right Hono^{ble} the Lord Prop^r by & with the advice & Consent of the vpper and Lower house of this p^rsent Generall Assembly and by the Authority of the Same That if any Suite shall hereafter be Commenced against any the Inhabitants of this Province for any Tobacco due to any other p^rson for w^{ch} Judgm^t shall not be obteyned till Aprill Co^r in any yeare That then the said Judgm^t shall be Entred with a stay of Execucōn vntill the ffirst day of Octob^r Co^r then next ffollowing which Said Judgment if the said debto^r doe not Before th^t Time Satisfie then the Plaintiffe may take out his Execucōn against him for the Same And if at any time hereafter that is to Say after the day of the Publicacōn of this Act the Body of any p^rson or p^rsons whatsoever shall be taken in Execucōn for any Tobacco debt he or they att that Time not having ready Tobacco to Satisfie the same it shall be Lawfull for the p^rty Soe taken in Execucōn to Redeem himselfe from the Execucōn by making tender to the sheriffe or the Credito^r. of such other his Estate goods & Chattels to the double value of the debt of the best Sort to be devided into Two Equall p^rts which is to be Apprayed by Two able & Sufficient Appraisers the one to be Chosen for the Credito^r or the Sheriffs and the other to be Chosen by the debto^rs who are to be Sworne vpon their Corporall oaths therevnto before the next Com^{cōns} of that County Co^r where the Said Estate shall Lye and after such devisiōn & Appraysm^t duly made in manner & fforme aforesaid that then the Sheriffe or Credito^r to make Eleccōn of the one p^r of the said p^r So devided Sett forth to & apprayed at his discrecōn and the other p^rte or