

possible for them to procure Tobbacco for the payment and Satisfaction of their Creditors by means whereof they are often times kept in prison a long time and thereby disabled from making and tending their Cropps to the great prejudice if not ruine of many the Inhabitants of this Province, being therefore left Destitute of any means to Satisfy their Creditors for prevention whereof for the future

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Māty by and with the Advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That after the Tenth day of Aprill in any Year no Execution shall issue out of any Courts of this Province against the body or Goods of any person or persons Inhabiting in this Province till the Tenth of October next or untill the Tenth day of October in any Year dureing the Continuance of this Act for any Debt or Debts or upon any Action Judgment or Judgment^s sued had or recovered against the Inhabitants of or within this Province in the Provinciall or in any the County Courts within this Province for any Cause Matter or thing whatsoever. Provided Such person or persons against whom any such Judgement is obtained together with two other persons such as the Justices shall Approve of Come before one Justice or more of the Provinciall Court or before the Mayor Recorder or any two of the Aldermen of the City of St Marys or two Comissioners of the Porte of Annapolis or two Justices or more of the respective County Courts where such Judgment is obtained as aforesaid and shall Confess Judgment for his Debt and Cost of Suites adjudged with Stay of Execution till the 10th day of October then next following and thereof procure Certificate under the hand of the same Justice or Justices before whom the said Justices shall be Confessed and such Certificate shall be a Sufficient Supersedeas to the Sherriffe to forbear Serving Execution upon the body or Goods of the person so obtaining such Certificate and if the party be taken in Execution before such Certificate be produced that then such Certificate being obtained afterwards as aforesaid shall be a Sufficient Supersedeas to the Sherriffe for the release of such person out of Prison upon that Execution the party paying or giving security to such Sherr for his due fees for that Imprisonment and the Justice or Justices before whom such Judgment shall be Confessed as aforesaid shall returne the Judgement so Confessed unto the Clerk of the respective Court where the first Judgment was obtained to be Entred upon Record for w^{ch} Entry the Clerk shall receive as a fee five pounds of Tobbacco and no More And that after the said Tenth day of October it shall be Lawfull to take out Execution upon the Judgement Confessed as aforesaid Without any Scire facias or any other Delay against either the Principle or the

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