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aforesaid. Session  
Laws

An Act for the Relief of Christopher Gardiner, a languishing  
Prisoner in Baltemore County Goal. Chap. XVI

Whereas, the said Christopher Gardiner, by his humble Petition to this present General Assembly, hath set forth, That he has continued a Prisoner for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltemore County aforesaid, for a considerable Time past; and still continues in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem his Body with all the Estate or Interest he hath in the World, which he would readily surrender up and part with to his several 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 reliev'd by a particular Act to be past in his Favour, which by his said Petition he hath humbly prayed) he must inevitably continue Prisoner for Life; and thereby his Family utterly ruined. And for that, the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations is made appear to this General Assembly, by sufficient Testimony; and that the said Petitioner, and his Family, are fit Objects 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 relieved 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 Lordship's 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 Christopher Gardiner, or the Attorney or Attorneys, of such Creditor or Creditors aforesaid, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, go to the Sheriff of the aforesaid County of Baltemore, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, that shall or may become due from the said Christopher Gardiner, after the End of the said Twenty Days. And also to find the said Christopher Gardiner, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during his future Imprisonment: In case he, the said Christopher Gardiner, shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be deliver'd up and surrendered to the Sheriff of Baltemore County aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace in the said County; whom the said Sheriff is hereby required to summon, on the Request of the said Christopher Gardiner, at the dwelling Plantation or Place, where (before the Imprisonment of the said Christopher Gardiner,) was the Place of Residence of the said Christopher Gardiner, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Ten Days, all his Real and Personal Es-