

Session
Laws 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 :

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 Richard Smith, William Nimmo, George Clagett, William Burston, James Mason, John Brooks, Benjamin Hilliard, William Robertson, Richard Roper, John Norwood, Richard Simpson, Thomas Taylor, Edward Hyatt, Robert Lynch, Richard Barrow, Thomas Brown, John Clark, William Austin, Robert Cardiff, Thomas Vernall, and Daniel Hall, 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 Prince George's, Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, Kent, Talbot, St. Mary's, and Cecil, 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 Richard Smith, William Nimmo, George Clagett, William Burston, James Mason, John Brooks, Benjamin Hilliard, William Robertson, Richard Roper, John Norwood, Richard Simpson, Thomas Taylor, Edward Hyatt, Robert Lynch, Richard Barrow, Thomas Brown, John Clark, William Austin, Robert Cardiff, Thomas Vernall, and Daniel Hall, after the End of the said Twenty Days ; and also find the said Richard Smith, William Nimmo, George Clagett, William Burston, James Mason, John Brooks, Benjamin Hilliard, William Robertson, Richard Roper, John Norwood, Richard Simpson, Thomas Taylor, Edward Hyatt, Robert Lynch, Richard Barrow, Thomas Brown, John Clark, William Austin, Robert Cardiff, Thomas Vernall, and Daniel Hall, or any or either of them, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment, in case they the said Richard Smith, William Nimmo, George Clagett, William Burston, James Mason, John Brooks, Benjamin Hilliard, William Robertson, Richard Roper, John Norwood, Richard Simpson, Thomas Taylor, Edward Hyatt, Robert Lynch, Richard Barrow, Thomas Brown, John Clark, William Austin, Robert Cardiff, Thomas Vernall, and Daniel Hall, shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be delivered up or surrendered to the Sher-