

for & even without any warrants or Entries made with some Surveyors directing them to Survey no land but for a particular person or persons whereby Severall People desirous of Taking up Lands have been deterred from so doing to the Great Loss of his Lordship & prejudice of the People. U. H. J.

A Committee hath been Appointed to enquire in the said Abuses who have reported to this House that Col John Rider a Member of your house hath been named to them as a person who can give some Account of the said Abuses, This House therefore desires your Honours Permission that the said Col John Rider may give the Committee of this house what Information he can concerning the abuses complained of

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

A Message from the lower house by M^r Dashiel & three more

By the lower house of Assembly August 4th 1732

May it please Your Honours

This House in Compassion to the Sufferings and Danger of the Distressed and Languishing Prisoners for Debt once more Apply to Your Honours on their behalf in hopes that if their Enlargement can be reconciled with Justice that Your Honours will no longer oppose it.

This House conceives that the preamble to the Statute of 22^d & 23^d Car. 2^d C: 20th exactly Suits the Condition of the prisoners now in Confinement; and of many others who are yet at large in the General; and that what the Parliament of England then thought fit to do for the Relief of Distressed Prisoners for Debt may be a president for the Assembly of Maryland to Govern itselfe by. p. 227

The Statute of the second year of his present Majesties Reign for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors mentions such unhappy Debtors to have always been the objects of publick Compassion, and prescribes a method for their Enlargement Subjecting (as the Statute of 22^d & 23^d of King Charles the second does) what they should Acquire after obtaining their liberty to the payment of their debts

This house has the liberty of the poor Distressed Prisoners for Debt now in Confinement so much at heart that We are willing to prepare a bill on the same Plan with either of the said Statutes, which may be most agreeable to your Honours for their Release; which, your Honours, we hope will Concurr in, since there is so good a foundation to build on as Two Acts of Parliament

This House is not aware of any objection of Weight, that can be made to the Enlarging these unhappy Men, but that they have not Complied with the Resolutions of your House, which we believe may have proceeded from their not having any notice of them in severall