

sistent in General with the Design of the Bill seeing the prisoners U. H. J.
 are to be discharged from every Creditor Save the Sheriff and from ^{p. 49}
 him after Delivery of their Effects for the Space of two years in
 which time by their Honest Industry they may be Enabled to get
 some Subsistence for their familys if any and discharge the residue
 of the Debts due to the Sheriffs who We conceive in Justice ought
 to have his Imprisonment fees so secured seeing the many and great
 Hazards He runs by Escapes being Subject in such case to pay the
 whole Debt the Prisoner is in Arrear for, it is further to be Con-
 sidered the great Expencc they are at in finding them with Provisions
 which makes the Act of Parliament you mention no Example to the
 Legislature here in regard the Sheriffs in England Do not Support
 their Prisoners who live on the Charity of the People or their own
 Effects nor is there any Example that We know of in any the Neigh-
 bouring Colonys where Sheriffs by Account of Legislation have
 suffered as the Sheriffs of this Province from time to time have done
 which we conceive to be highly Injurious in respect to the difference
 between them and other Creditors the Imprisonment of the Debtor
 being Voluntary in the One and Compulsary in respect to the other
 and therefore this House Insists on the Bill passing with the Amend-
 ments proposed and for further Reasons refers you to the Sheriffs
 Petition herewith Sent

Signed 7 Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Six Engrossed bills from the Lower House by M^r Elliot and M^r
 Blackistone, One Entituled An Act to Confirm two Deeds of Sale the
 One from George Oldfield and Petronella his Wife the other from
 Richard Carr Son and Heir at Law to a certain John Carr of Cecil
 County deceased to Casparus Augustine Herman another Entituled
 An Act for the naturalization of John Henrickson a Native of Rot-
 terdam in Holland now an Inhabitant of Kent County in Maryland
 and John Samuel Rachel Mary Mildred Margaret Martha Rebecca
 Hannah and Ruth Children of the aforesaid John Henrickson
 Another Entituled A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An
 Act for the Advancement of Justice Another Entituled Act for the
 laying out the Town anew commonly called Chester Town in Kent
 County and for Ascertaining the bounds thereof, Another Entituled
 An Act to cut off an Entail of a Tract of Land called Marshes Seat
 lying in Ann Arrundel County and to Invest William Vernon with
 an Estate in Fee Simple in the said Tract of Land and to settle a
 Parcel of Land being part of Three Tracts of Land called Happy
 Choice Clarks Groves and the Addition to Clarks Groves lying in
 Prince Georges County on Thomas Knighton and the Heirs of his
 Body in Lieu thereof another Entituled An Act to Record a Deed of
 Bargain and Sale made by Thomas Humphreys Esq^r and Mary his ^{p. 50}