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tobacco and three hundred and fifty pounds Sterling and Six hundred Liber LL, and Fifty pounds Currant money more then what is allready raised Acts and Likewise to apportion order and pay out of the publick Treasury of this prince the sume of one hundred ninety Six pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny Currant money of this prince to the severall Persons to whome the same shall be due as by the Journall of the Committee of Accounts appears and a fair Journall of all their proceedings to be delivered to the Clerk of the Assembly for Satisfactions of all persons therewth Concerned by the twentyeth day of October next

And if it shall happen that his Exe^{iley} shall please to Convene an Assembly before the said twenty Seventh day of September afd then this present Act and all and Every Clause therein Contained shall be void and of no force.

An Act for the relief of Peter Sawell a Languishing Prisoner in Acts of Calvert County

April, 1715,

Whereas Peter Sawell of Calvert County planter has by his humble p. 148 petition to this Present Generall Assembly set fourth that he has Continued a Prisoner for debt in the Custody of the Sherriffe of Calvert County for above three Years past and still Continues in the p. 149 Like deplorable Circumstances not being able to Redeem his body with all the Estate or Interest he has in the world which he would readily Surrender up and part with to his Creditors if they would accept of the same and grant him his Liberty but that although he hath often made such offers with many repeated Intreaties that they might be Accepted of Yet he has not yet been favoured with the grant of his Requests in that behalfe but Instead thereof Flat denvals of any manner of favour from the Chiefest of them so that unless some relief be provided for him by a particular Act to be past in his favour which by his said Petition he hath Humbly Prayed for he fears he shall Continue a Prisoner for life and by that meanes his wife and four small Children become a burthen to the County for necessary Sustenance to preserve them from Starving and for that the Truth of the said Peter Sawell's Allegations is made appear to this Generall Assembly by sufficient Testimony and also that the said Peter has not fallen under such Circumstances by any Idleness or Extravagancy of his owne haveing been Allways an Industrious pains taking Planter but merely by his Lossess at Sea and the Extream decay of the Tobacco Trade and also that the said Peter is a man of an honest sober Conversation And therefore for that the said Peter and his family are thought fitt objects of Charity, and that his Lying in Goale Can be no benefitt to his Creditors tho it may prove a ruin to his family and a burthen to the County It is humbly prayed that the said Peter may be releived according to his prayer and that it may be Enacted