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Acts favour which by his said petition he hath humbly praid for he feares 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 Sawells Allegations is made appeare to this present Generall Assembly by Sufficient Testimony and also that the said Peter has not fallen under such Circumstances by any Idleness or Extravagancy of his own haveing been allways an Industrious pains takeing planter, but Merely by his Losses 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 has now been a prisoner for about this five Years past And therefore for that the said Peter and his family are thought fitt Objects of Charity and th<sup>t</sup> his Lying in Goale Cann be no benefitt to his Creditors tho it may prove a ruin to his family and a burthen to the County It is humbly praid that the said Peter may be relieved according to his prayer and that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord proprietarie by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the same that in Case the said Peter Sawell shall deliver up and Surrendered to the sherriffe of Calvert County in the presence of two Justices of the peace in the said County whom the said Sherriffe is hereby required to Summons on the request of the said Peter at the said Peters now dwelling plantation at Some Convenient time within three months after the End of this present Session of Assembly all his reall and personall Estate Either in Possession reversion remainder or in trust or in or unto which he hath any Claime or Interest whatsoever and do within the Time aforesaid Convey assigne transfer and make over unto the said Sherriffe of Calvert County for the use of the said  
p. 327 Peters Creditors all such his Estate Interest or Claim as af<sup>d</sup> after such manner as by the said Sherriffe and the Major parte of the Creditors of the said Peter or of such of them as shall think fitt to Direct therein or his or their Councill Learned in the Law shall be Reasonably devised or required at the Costs and Charges of such persons as shall Claime the Benefitt thereof so as the said Peter Sawell be not burthened with any Warrantees thereby other than from himselfe and those that Claime by from or under him And that the said Peter at the Time of such his Surrender and transferring of his Estate as afd shall take his Solemn Oath or test before the said two Justices so to be Summoned as aforesaid to the Effect following Viz. I Peter Sawell do sollemnly swear that the goods debts and Effects which I have delivered assigned and made over to the Sherriffe of Calvert County and in trust for the use of my Creditors is the whole Estate both reall and personall of my own in possession or have any Title to in the World and that I have not any Estate