

Session     This Act to continue for One Year, and to the End of the next  
Laws         Session of Assembly, after the Expiration of the said One Year.

Lib. B. L. C. An Act for the Relief of Anthony Parker, Patrick Ryely & Cleborn  
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Whereas the said Anthony Parker by his Humble Petition to this Generall Assembly hath set forth that In March Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & thirty he was Committed to the Custody of the Sherriff of Charles County on Suspition of a Rape upon which an Indictment Was sent to the Grand Jury & by them found Ignoramus but that whilst the Jury had the s<sup>d</sup> Indictm<sup>t</sup> Under their Consideration the s<sup>d</sup> Anthony Parker broke Prison & Endeavoured to make his Escape but was Soon Retaken by the Shirriff of Charles County & was tried & Convicted for breakin the said Goal & fined for the Same & the said Cleborn Lomax & Patrick Ryley by their humble Petition to this General Assembly have also set forth that they were Severally Convicted of felony & that They the s<sup>d</sup> Anthony Parker Patrick Ryley & Cleborn Lomax have Continued a long time in Prison for fees that arose due to the Several Officers on the Prosecutions against them for the said Crimes & Still Continue in the like Deplorable Circumstances not being Able to redeem Their bodies with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World which they would readily Surrender up & part with as well for Paying their Several Other Creditors as the s<sup>d</sup> fees if they Would Accept of the Same & Grant the s<sup>d</sup> Petitioners their Liberty which seems So Unlikely for them to Obtain (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 & thereby their familys utterly ruined & for that the truth of the s<sup>d</sup> Petitioners Allegations is made Appear to this Present General Assembly by Sufficient Testimony & that The said Petitioners & their familys are Objects of Charity & 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 & that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by & with the advice & Consent of the upper & Lower Houses of Assembly & the Authority of the Same that unless all or Any of the Creditor or Creditors of the said Anthony Parker Patrick Ryley & Cleborn Lomax 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 Sherriff of the afores<sup>d</sup> County of Charles and Give good Security to pay the Imprisonment fees at the Sum of Ten pounds of Tobacco Per Day that shall or may become due from the said An-