

Session This Act to continue for Three Years next ensuing, and to the end
 Laws of the next Sessions of Assembly that shall happen after the said
 Duration of Three Years.
 the Act.

Chapter XII An Act for the Relief of *Samuel Deavor* a languishing Prisoner in *Ann-Arundel* County Goal, *Michael Taylor* a languishing Prisoner in *Prince George's* County Goal, *William Burros* a languishing Prisoner in *Kent* County Goal, *James Carter* a languishing Prisoner in *Cecil* County Goal, *Sarah Butcher* a languishing Prisoner in *Dorchester* County Goal, and *William Biggs* a languishing Prisoner in *St. Mary's* County Goal.

Preamble. Whereas the said *Samuel Deavor*, *Michael Taylor*, *William Burros*, *James Carter*, *Sarah Butcher*, and *William Biggs*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, that they have continued Prisoners for Debt in the Custody of the several Sheriffs aforesaid, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, and not being able to redeem their Bodies with all the Estate or Interest that they have in the World, which they would readily deliver up and part with to their several and respective Creditors, if they would accept of the same and grant the said Petitioners their Liberty, which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that unless relieved by a particular Act Paffed in their Favour, which by their said Petition they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life. And for that the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations are made appear to this present General Assembly by sufficient Testimonies, and that the said Petitioners are fit objects of Charity, and 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 Prayers, and that it may be Enacted,

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 Creditors
 to go to the
 Sheriffs in
 20 Days,
 and give
 security for
 the Fees, &c.

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same, That unless all or any of the Creditor or Creditors of the said *Samuel Deavor*, *Michael Taylor*, *William Burros*, *James Carter*, *Sarah Butcher* and *William Biggs*, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid within this Province, shall within Twenty Days after this Session of Assembly go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of *Ann-Arundel*, *Prince George's*, *Kent*, *Cecil*, *Dorchester*, and *St. Mary's*, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees the Sum of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, that shall or may become due from the said *Samuel Deavor*, *Michael Taylor*, *William Burros*, *James Carter*, *Sarah Butcher* and *William Biggs*, after the end of the said Twenty Days, and also find the said *Samuel Deavor*, *Michael Taylor*, *William Burros*, *James Carter*, *Sarah Butcher* and *William Biggs*, sufficient Meat, Drink and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment; and in case they the said *Samuel*