

Liber directed to be made to the aforesaid Philip Smith and William Chapman or to either of them to give good and sufficient Security for the Payment of the Principal only of such Residue accordingly and in Case the said Heir at Law aforesaid shall dye before he attains the Age of twenty one Years then and in such Case the aforesaid Residue of the Consideration Money arising on the Sale aforesaid shall be paid to the then Heir at Law of Humphry Wells Stokes

Chapter XXVIII. An Act for the Relief of *Francis O Connor, Robert Noble*, of *Dorchester* County, Planters, *Joseph Richardson* of the said County, Shoemaker, languishing Prisoners in *Dorchester* County Goal; *Thomas Foy*, a languishing Prisoner in *Talbot* County Goal; *Cornelius Mahany*, of *Cæcil* County, Taylor, a languishing Prisoner in *Cæcil* County Goal.; and *Robert Floyd*, in *Queen-Anne's* County Goal.

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Preamble. Whereas, the said *Francis O Connor, Robert Noble, Joseph Richardson, Thomas Foy, Cornelius Mahany*, and *Robert Floyd*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, that they have continued Prisoners for Debt in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the several Counties 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 the same and grant the said Petitioners their Liberty, which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that unless relieved by a particular Act Passed in their Favours, which by their said Petition they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life. And for that the Truth of the said Petitioners Allegations are made appear to this present General Assembly by sufficient Testimony, 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;

Creditors to go to the Sheriff in 20 Days, and give security for 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 any of the said Prisoners, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriff, of the aforesaid Counties of *Dorchester, Talbot, Cæcil*, and *Queen-Anne'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 Prisoners respectively, after the end of the said Twenty Days, and also find the said Prisoners, sufficient Meat, Drink and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment; and in case they the said Prison-