

No. 34 An Act for the Relief of John Shubbard, a languishing Prisoner in Kent County Goal.

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No. I

[Preamble.] Whereas John Shubbard, of Kent County, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, hath set forth, That he was arrested in an Action of Debt, and imprisoned in Kent County Goal, for Want of special Bill, in the said Action, about Seven Years ago, which Debt, with the Charges thereon accruing by lying in Goal, he has never been able to pay, and has lain in Goal ever since, and therefore humbly prayed Relief by an Act to be passed in his Favor: And for that the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations is made appear to this General Assembly, and that his being in Goal can be no Benefit to his Creditors, and that the said Petitioner hath given due Notice of his Intention to apply for Relief in the Premises: It is therefore humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

[John Shubbard to be discharged from Prison, on delivering up his Effects, on his Oath.] 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 John Shubbard, or the Attorney of such Creditor or Creditors within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees that shall or may become due from the said John Shubbard, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and also, find the said John Shubbard sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during his future Imprisonment; and in Case the said John Shubbard shall deliver up or surrender, or cause to be delivered up or surrendered, to the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace of the said County, whom the said Sheriff is hereby required to summon, on the Request of the said John Shubbard, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Five Days, all his real and personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or in Trust, or in, or unto which he hath any Claim or Interest whatsoever, and likewise before the Day before mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriff of Kent County aforesaid, for the Use of his said Creditors, all such his Estate, Interest or Claim as aforesaid, after such Manner as by the said Sheriff, and by the major Part of such Creditors, or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein, or their Council learned in the Law, shall reasonably devise or require, at the Costs and Charges of the Persons who shall claim the Benefit thereof, so as the said John Shubbard be not burthened with any Warrantees thereby, other than from himself or those claiming by, from or under him, and that the said John Shubbard, at the Time of his surrender and transferring his Estate as aforesaid, shall take his solemn Oath, before the said Two Justices of the Court aforesaid, to the Effect