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Bush, a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; Edward Dossey, a languishing Prisoner in Dorchester County Goal; Joseph Thompson and Abraham Dean, languishing Prisoners in Somerset County Goal; Patrick Carroll, Adam Gough, and Elizabeth Grant, languishing Prisoners in Baltimore County Goal; Thomas Somes, John Maccauly, Richard Walmsley, John Glover, Richard Clark, James Tapper, and Thomas Collins, languishing Prisoners in Anne-Arundel County Goal; Philip Lynham, Robert Mark, Thomas Catterall, John Bell, Jacob Myres, John Berisford, and Thomas Thompson, languishing Prisoners in Frederick County Goal; George Clarke and John Brown, languishing Prisoners in Prince-George's County Goal; and Thomas Wyley, a languishing Prisoner in Calvert County Goal; by their humble Petitions 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, viz. Constantine Bull, John Hayes, William Grace, and Anne Garrish, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Cæcil County; John Hunt, John Green, John Nimmo, and John Temple Parsons, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County; William Maynard, William Greenwood, Peter Johnson, Goven Dunbar, Charles Mac Carthy, and Lewis Deford, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Queen-Anne's County; John Bush, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Talbot County; Edward Dossey, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Dorchester County; Joseph Thompson and Abraham Dean, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County; Patrick Carroll, Adam Gough, and Elizabeth Grant, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County; Thomas Somes, John Maccauly, Richard Walmsley, John Glover, Richard Clark, James Tapper, and Thomas Collins, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County; Philip Lynham, Robert Mark, Thomas Catterall, John Bell, Jacob Myres, John Berisford, and Thomas Thompson, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Frederick County; George Clarke and John Brown, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince-George's County; and Thomas Wyley, in the Custody of the Sheriff of Calvert County; for a considerable Time past, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem their Bodies with all their Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily surrender 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, to be passed in their Favour, which, by their said Petitions they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life: And for that the Truth of the said Petitioners Allegations is made appear to this General Assembly, 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 Peti-

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