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LANGUISHING PRISONERS FOR DEBT

[SIX SEPARATE PETITIONS, 1758-1760, TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM PETER ROBINSON, BASIL BECKWITH, JOHN METCALFE, JOHN TURNBULL, AND JOSEPH LUCKSINGBURG, PRISONERS FOR DEBT LANGUISHING IN COUNTY JAILS, PRAYING RELIEF.]

PETER ROBINSON

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor of Maryland, [and to the] Honourable the Upper and [Lower Houses].

The Petition of Peter Robinson a languishing Prisoner in Prince Georges County

Humbly sheweth—

That your Excellency's & Honours Petitioner hath been confined for Debt ever since August 1755; and is not able to redeem his Body with all the effects & Interest he hath, which he is willing to surrender to his respective Creditors if they would please to accept of the same & grant your Petitioner his liberty thereon.

That your Petitioner hath a Wife & three Children that suffer much by reason of his long Confinement.

That your Petitioner is far advanced in the 45th year of his Age, & being in the 3^d year of his Confinement (where he hath suffered Heats & Colds & Sickness, w^{ch} joyned wth the want of Sun, Air & Exercise) he finds his Consti[tution] impaired that he fears (unless your Excellency & Object to Publick Compassi[on] useful either to his Family in He therefore most humbly begs your Excellency & Honours to grant some Law to pass for his Relief such as to your Wisdom seem most meet.

And your Petitioner will for your Excellency & Honours pray—

Peter Robinson

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BASIL BECKWITH

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland And To the Honourable the upper and Lower House of Assembly.

The Petition of Basil Beckwith Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner Is a Languishing Prisoner in Custody of The Sheriff of Frederick County for Debt, for Divers Sums of Money and Tobacco, Which by Reason of Great Losses and Misfortunes he is Unable to pay, Your Petitioner has been a Prisoner in Close Confinement for the Two Years and four Months last past. Your Petitioner has made

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